







HISTORY *of the*

Centennial and
Memorial Association
of Valley Forge

From its origin in 1878, and reorganization in 1886 particularly to the date of voluntary dissolution in 1910

Preceded by Album and Biography of Directors



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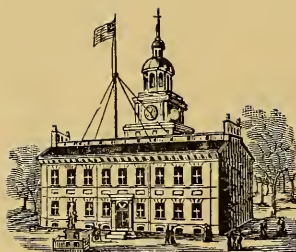
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This Book is respectfully
inscribed to the memory of
Anna Morris Holstein
Regent of the Centennial and
Memorial Association of Valley
Forge from date of incorporation
to date of her death Dec 31, 1900,
and throughout the course of her
life a good and true Christian
patriot; during the Civil War
was a Soldiers' Nurse and was
ever foremost and untiring in
the cause of humanity
Glenview, Pa
Jul 27-1910

H. S. Stager



OLD STATE HOUSE
Philadelphia

By transfer
The White House
March 3rd, 1913

PREFACE

This brief history of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, as hereinafter found, was compiled from the official records of several Secretaries, assisted by recollections of the writer.

In review we find that since 1886 there are records of one hundred and seventeen meetings held by the Stockholders, annual and adjourned, including meetings by the Board of Directors, regular and special, and meetings of the Executive Committee.

These meetings were mainly held in the old Headquarters at Valley Forge, some at Norristown, and others in Philadelphia, etc.; all of which were well attended by the members of the Board of Directors, as the records will show.

The record of attendance of Officers and Directors at the meetings is made up from the official roll call as entered in the journal at the meetings of either the Stockholders or Directors of same date, immediately preceding or following the first-named meeting. In instances where there was no such entry, then the writer made up a "present" roll from among names entered in the business notes of that date.

From the date of organization in 1886 to the date of appropriation by the Park Commission, created by the State of Pennsylvania, all these meetings and special duties performed by the Officers and Directors were done at their own personal expense. Neither was there an allowance of salary or emoluments in any way to any one of the Board at any time.

At various times during the life of this Association certain Stockholders who had taken active part in patriotic affairs were elected as Directors herein without their assent, believing they would take active part in this work, but, failing to do so, they were not re-elected at the succeeding annual meeting, and therefore their autobiographies and pictures do not appear herein, although their names figure in the records as Directors elected.

In a few instances we were unable to secure biography or picture of officials. In the case of deceased members the biographies were prepared by near friends.

The purpose of this Book is to present in permanent form the patriotic services of the Association, and especially that rendered by the Board of Directors, as a family heirloom.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America, in Pennsylvania especially, having taken so prominent a part in the Valley Forge Headquarters work, financially and otherwise, explains why this Order is so frequently named in these pages. All the male Directors were active members of this Order.

Prior to 1886, from date of first organization in 1878, all minutes and official records of transactions by the Association are lost or mislaid.

In conclusion, I beg to make acknowledgment of my many thanks to Mrs. Alice B. Stager (wife), Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, and Judge R. H. Koch, for very material assistance rendered and proof corrections accepted.



Full List of Directors Since 1886 and to Date of Dissolution, June 18, 1910

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| <p>Mrs. Anna Morris Holstein, Incorporator. Regent, 1887 to 1900, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.</p> | <p>Elected in 1886 and continued until decease. Died December 31, 1900.</p> |
| <p>Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, Incorporator. Vice Regent, 1887 to 1897, Norristown, Pennsylvania.</p> | <p>Elected in 1886 and continued until decease. Died January 11, 1897.</p> |
| <p>*Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Incorporator. Vice Regent, 1897 to 1900; Regent, 1901 to date, Norristown, Pennsylvania.</p> | <p>Elected in 1886 and continued until dissolution in 1910.</p> |
| <p>*Mr. Henry J. Stager, Vice Regent, 1887 to 1908; Vice Regent and Secretary, 1908 to date, Glenside, Pennsylvania.</p> | <p>Elected in 1886 and continued to date.</p> |
| <p>Freeland G. Hobson, Esq., Treasurer, 1887 to 1906, Collegeville, Pennsylvania.</p> | <p>Elected in 1886 and continued until decease. Died January 10, 1906.</p> |
| <p>Mr. Richard T. S. Hallowell, Secretary, 1889 to 1908; Secretary and Treasurer, 1907 to 1908, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.</p> | <p>Elected in 1886 and continued until decease. Died Aug. 14, 1908.</p> |
| <p>Frank L. Murphy, Esq., Secretary, 1887 to 1889, Norristown, Pennsylvania.</p> | <p>Elected in 1886 and dropped in 1889.</p> |

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| Mr. William H. Holstein , Incorporator, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania. | Elected in 1886 and continued until decease. Died Aug. 9, 1894. |
| *Hon. Richard Henry Koch , Pottsville, Pennsylvania. | Elected in 1886 and continued to date. |
| Col. Theodore W. Bean , Incorporator, Norristown, Pennsylvania. | Elected in 1886 and continued until decease. Died Jan. 20, 1891. |
| Mr. John Henry Hoffer , Lebanon, Pennsylvania. | Elected in 1886 and dropped in 1897. Died Sept. 18, 1906. |
| *Mr. Irwin Samuel Smith , Reading, Pennsylvania. | Elected in 1886 and continued to date. |
| *Mr. Wesley H. Schwartz , Altoona, Pennsylvania. | Elected in 1886 and continued to date. |
| Dr. Henry A. Klock , Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. | Elected in 1886 and continued until decease. Died Feb. 1, 1908. |
| *Mr. Samuel Morret Helms , Reading, Pennsylvania. | Elected in 1886 and continued to date. |
| Capt. James Kellerson Helms , Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania. | Elected in 1886 and continued until decease. Died July 23, 1893. |
| *Mr. John Howard Dugan , Hazleton, Pennsylvania. | Elected in 1886 and continued until 1894. Re-elected in 1906 and continued to date. |

- *Mr. Hudson Rutherford Fleming,** Elected in 1886 and
Williamsport, Pennsylvania. continued to date.
- Mr. Richard Peterson,** Philadelphia, Elected in 1889 and
Pennsylvania. continued until de-
cease. Died Dec.
12, 1893.
- *Mr. William Weand,** Philadelphia, Elected in 1891 and
Pennsylvania. continued to date.
- Hon. Samuel A. Losch,** Schuylkill Elected in 1893 and
Haven, Pennsylvania. continued until de-
cease. Died Sept.
11, 1900.
- *James High Wolfe, Esq.,** Philadel- Elected in 1894 and
phia, Pennsylvania. continued to date.
- *Frederick Bertollette, Esq.,** Mauch Elected in 1894 and
Chunk, Pennsylvania. continued to date.
- Clarence F. Huth, Esq.,** Shamokin, Elected in 1895 and
Pennsylvania. dropped in 1896.
- Mr. Franklin Pierce Spiese,** Treasurer, Elected in 1895 and
1906 to 1907, Tamaqua, Pennsyl- continued until de-
vania. cease. Died Aug.
31, 1907.
- *Mrs. Mary Bean Jones,** Consho- Elected in 1895 and
hocken, Pennsylvania. continued to date.
- Mr. William G. Rhule,** Pittsburg, Elected in 1895 and
Pennsylvania. dropped in 1896.
Died April 25,
1905.
- Miss Charlotte Pendleton,** Philadel- Elected in 1896 and
phia, Pennsylvania. dropped in 1897.

*Mr. Abraham D Fetterolf , Collegeville, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1896 and continued to date.
*Dr. Peter Nathaniel Klinger Schwenk , Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1897 and continued to date.
Hon. Frederick E. Stees , Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1897 and continued until decease. Died April 19, 1905.
Mrs. Amanda R. Matthews , Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1897 and dropped in 1900.
Mrs. Isaac W. Smith , Norristown, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1900 and withdrew in 1904.
Mrs. Mary K. Preston , Norristown, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1901 and continued until decease. Died Feb. 2, 1908.
*John Milton Stauffer , Treasurer 1908 to 1910, Hazleton, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1901 and continued to date.
Mrs. Philander C. Knox , Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1904 and dropped in 1906.
*Abraham Steinmetz Brendle, Esq. , Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1905 and continued to date.
*Miss Mary McInnes , Norristown, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1906 and continued to date.
*Mr. John Harry Hughes , Torresdale, Pennsylvania.	Elected in 1906 and continued to date.

39 total; 18 present members, 15 deceased, others dropped, etc.

*Present members, 1910.

ACT OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
OF
VALLEY FORGE

The subscribers, citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have agreed to associate themselves for the purposes set forth in the following Articles under the name and title of "The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge."

The purpose of this Association shall be to purchase, improve and preserve the lands and improvements thereon, occupied by General George Washington, at Valley Forge, and maintain them as a memorial park for all time to come.

To have succession by the name and title of "The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge," subject to the power of the General Assembly under the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

To have power to maintain and defend judicial proceedings.

To make and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure.

To hold, purchase and transfer such real estate and personal property as the purposes of the corporation require not exceeding the amount limited by this charter or the laws of the Commonwealth.

To appoint and renew such subordinate officers and agents as the business of the corporation requires, and to allow them a suitable compensation.

To make By-Laws not inconsistent with law, for the management of its property, the regulation of its affairs, and the transfer of its stock.

To enter into any obligations necessary to the transaction of its ordinary business.

The capital stock of this Association shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars, and the par value thereof shall not be less than one dollar per share; provided, always, that the clear net yearly value, or increase of the real and personal property, shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

This Association shall transact its business in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and the charter shall be perpetual.

<i>Names:</i>	<i>Residence:</i>
William H. Holstein	Upper Merion
John W. Eckman	Upper Merion
Theodore W. Bean	Norristown, Pa.
Anna M. Holstein	Upper Merion
Rebecca McInnes	Bridgeport, Pa.
Helen C. Hooven	Norristown, Pa.
J. P. Hale Jenkins	Norristown, Pa.

Montgomery County, ss.:

Personally appeared before me, Recorder of Deeds, in and for said county, William H. Holstein, Theodore W. Bean and J. P. Hale Jenkins above named, who, in due form of law, acknowledged the above and afore written instrument for the purposes as within stated.

Witness my hand and seal of office this eighth day of June,
A. D. 1878. JOHN W. SCHALL,
(SEAL) Recorder.

And now to wit: July 5th, 1878. The foregoing application having been presented to the Honorable Henry P. Ross, a law judge and President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery county (the county in which the business of the corporation is to be transacted), accompanied by proof of publication of the notice of said application, and the said Judge having perused and examined the foregoing instrument, and found the same to be in the proper form and within the purposes named in the first class specified in the second section of an Act entitled: "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain Corporations," approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, and appearing lawful and not injurious to the community, do order and decree that the said charter is approved, and that upon the recording of the said charter and said order and decree, the subscribers to said charter shall be a corporation for the purposes and upon the terms therein stated, and from thenceforth the persons named therein and subscribing the same, and their associates and successors, shall be a corporation by the name of "The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge," as provided by law.

By the Court,
(SEAL)

HENRY P. ROSS,
President Judge.

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Certified from the Records of said Court at Norristown,
July 5th, 1878. PHILIP QUILLMAN,
(SEAL) *Prothonotary.*

Montgomery County, ss.:

Recorded in the office for Recording Deeds, etc., in and for
said county, in Miscellaneous Book No. 19, pp. 179, etc.

Witness my hand and seal of office, July 6th, 1878.

(SEAL)

JAMES DIKES, D. R.



BRIEF OF TITLE—1681 TO 1879

THE following is an extract from an elaborate brief of title to the Washington Headquarters property, as made by the Solicitor, Col. Theo. W. Bean.

The Charter of Charles the Second of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c., unto William Penn, Proprietary and Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania.

Witness ourself at Westminster the fourth day of March in the three and thirtieth year of our reign, A. D. 1681.

Patent from William Penn unto his daughter Letitia Penn for 7800 acres, paying one beaver skin. Recorded in patent book A, Vol. 2, p. 405. 24, October, 1701.

Said Letitia intermarried William Aubrey of London, merchant. Deed, William Aubrey and Letitia his wife unto Sir Archibald Grant for such parts of the above Tract as remain unsold. Recorded in Book G, Vol. 2, p. 400. 10, July, 1730.

Deed. Sir Archibald Grant, to William Wilkinson, for the above lands in fee.

Recorded in Book G, Vol. 2, p. 405. 10, December, 1735.

Indenture, in partition, between William Wilkinson of Middlesex of the first part, John Thomson of London of the second part, and William Penn, son of the aforesaid William Penn, of the third part, whereby the said William Wilkinson granted the above premises unto William Penn the son in fee. Recorded in Book G, Vol. 2, p. 412. 22, June, 1736.

Letter of Attorney. The said William Penn authorizes and empowers James Logan and William Logan his lawful attorney, jointly and severally, to sell and dispose of the said land or any part thereof unto any person or persons whatsoever, &c. Recorded in Book D, Vol. 2, p. 270. 15, February, 1740-41.

Deed. James Logan and William Logan unto Stephen Evans and Daniel Walker for 175 acres of the above lands being part of the above large tract called Mount Joy. Recorded in Book G, Vol. 3, p. 97. 3, February, 1741-42.

Deed. Stephen Evans and Daniel Walker unto Isaac Walker for the above 175 acres in fee of which the within granted premises is part of. 13, December, 1742.

Deed. Isaac Walker unto Stephen Evans, Daniel Walker and Joseph Williams, one undivided one-third part each in fee. Recorded at Phila., in Book G, Vol. 5, p. 133. 18, December, 1742.

Deed. Daniel Walker, *et ux.* to Abraham Williams for the said Daniel Walker's third part of the said 175 acres in fee. 10, February, 1755.

Deed Poll. James Coulter, Esq., Sheriff of Phil'a County, conveys one undivided third part of 175 acres as the estate of Joseph Williams unto John Potts, in fee. 11, March, 1757.

Deed. Mary Stephens and Abijah Stephens, executors of Stephen Evans, convey the said Stephen Evans' one-third part of the 175 acres unto the said John Potts in fee. Recorded in Book I, Vol. 6, p. 197. 12, March, 1757.

Deed Poll. James Coulter, Esq., Sheriff of Phila'a County, conveys one undivided one-third part of said 175 acres as the estate of Abraham Williams unto the said John Potts in fee. 20, February, 1758.

Deed. John Potts the elder and wife unto John Potts the younger, for the above lands with other lands in fee, 350 acres. Recorded in Book I, Vol. 6, p. 228. 24, March, 1768.

Deed. John Potts the younger and wife unto John Potts, the elder, for part of the above Tract and Grist and Saw Mill in fee. Recorded in Book I, Vol. 6, p. 230. 25, March, 1768.

Deed. Indorsed John Potts the elder *et ux.*, unto Joseph Potts for the Grist Mill, Saw Mill, land and premises granted him by the said John Potts the younger to hold him the said Joseph Potts in fee. Recorded in Book I, Vol. 6, p. 231. 20, May, 1768.

Deed. Joseph Potts to Isaac Potts for two Tracts of land, Grist Mill and Saw Mill, not recorded. 30, September, 1773.

Deed. Isaac Potts and wife to Norris Jones for three-eighths of 105 acres. Recorded in Deed Book, No. 65, p. 59. 31, December, 1784.

Deed. Isaac Potts and wife to Benj. Rowland for one-eighth of 105 acres. Recorded in Deed Book No. 65, p. 68. 31, December, 1784.

Deed. Benj. Rowland and wife to Norris Jones for one-eighth of 105 acres. Recorded in Deed Book No. 65, p. 78. 1, September, 1787.

Deed. Isaac Potts and wife to Jacob Paul for one undivided moiety or equal one-half part of 105 acres. Recorded in Deed Book No. 9, p. 243. 16, December, 1793.

Deed. Joseph L. Thomas, *et al.*, executors of Norris Jones, to Jacob Paul, for one undivided moiety or equal one-half part of 105 acres. Recorded in Deed Book No. 9, p. 245. 1, April, 1795.

Will. James Jones to his daughters, Ann and Hannah *née* Ogden, 2 acres and 4 perches with appurtenances, proven and entered of record in the Register of Wills Office, Norristown, July 30, 1849. 27, February, 1848.

Deed. Ann Jones to Hannah Ogden, for one undivided moiety of a house and lot of ground containing 2 acres and 31 perches, more or less, at Valley Forge, The Washington Headquarters—not recorded. 23, September, 1850.

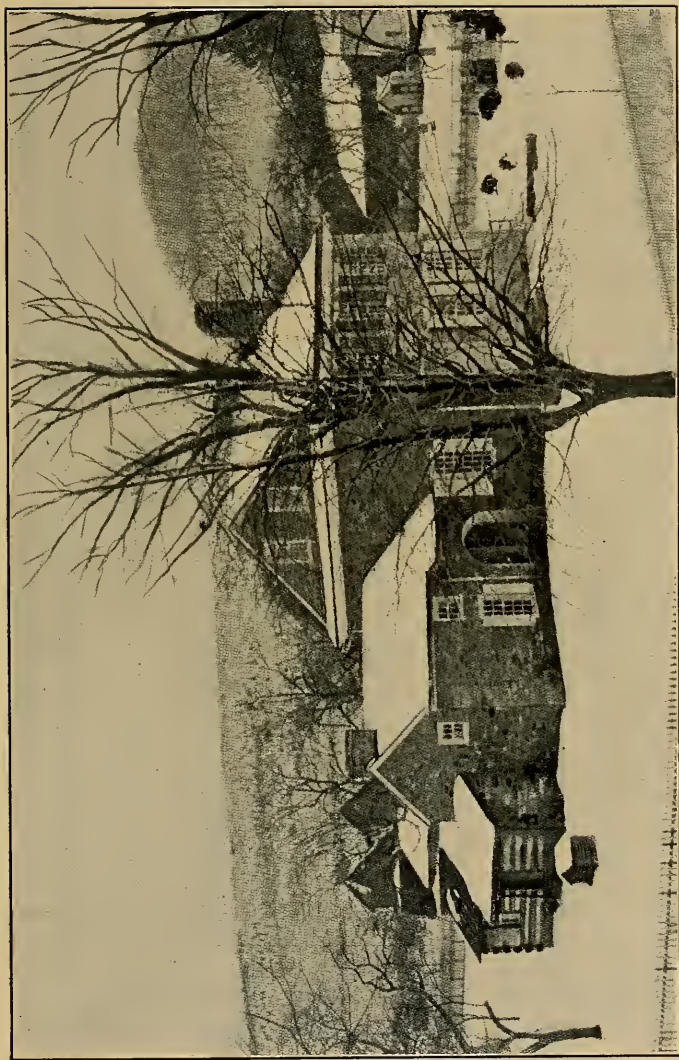
Deed. May 1, 1879. Hannah Ogden to William H. Holstein.

May 1, 1879. Deed of trust. William H. Holstein to the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge.

Deed. November 9, 1886. Wm. H. Holstein and wife to the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge.

The property purchases from time to time included :

- 1st. Washington Headquarters; original purchase, Holstein to Association, Nov. 9th, 1886; 2 acres and 22 83-100 perches\$6000.00
 - 2d. Jones lot, containing Washington spring, April 19th, 1890; 1 498-1000 acres.... 1200.00
 - 3d. Crawford property, containing stone barn; January 6th, 1894; 1 249-1000 acres.. 3000.00
- In 1888 expended for improvement and renewal of Headquarters, new Lodge, etc., about 5000.00



FRONT VIEW OF WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS
Valley Forge, 1777-78. (Winter scene)

ANNA MORRIS HOLSTEIN was born in Muncy, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1824, and died at her home, near Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1900, in her seventy-sixth year. She was married to Major William Hayman Holstein in 1848, and lived all her married life in the home her husband had in readiness at their marriage. She outlived her husband only a few years.

Mrs. Holstein was the daughter of Rebecca Morris and William Cox Ellis, and came of distinguished ancestry. She was a direct descendant of Captain Samuel Morris, of the First City Troop of Philadelphia, with Washington at the battles of Princeton and Trenton, and Washington's Body Guard during the war; also a descendant of Thomas Ellis, Registrar General of the Province of Pennsylvania, and friend of William Penn.

When the effort was made to collect funds throughout the Union to purchase Washington's Mount Vernon home, Mrs. Holstein was appointed Lady Manager for Montgomery county.

In 1862, Mrs. Holstein offered her services to the Government as an army nurse, and with Mr. Holstein began work in the field hospitals of the Army of the Potomac, at Falmouth, and Potomac Creek. After the battle of Gettysburg Mrs. Holstein had charge of Camp Letterman, with three thousand seriously wounded men. She remained with the army until the close of the war, following the army in army wagons, and sleeping under tents, enduring hardships and distress to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded and dying.

With prophetic foresight, Mrs. Holstein labored to arouse public sentiment to a true appreciation of the historic value of the hills of Valley Forge on which Washington's army lay encamped 1777-'78, and largely to her efforts is due the credit of rescuing and restoring Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge. She was made Regent of the Valley Forge Centennial and Memorial Association, at its organization, which office she held until her death. With untiring zeal she labored that this Association might purchase the Headquarters of Washington at Valley Forge as a memorial for all time to come. In common with other members of this Association she felt a deep sense of gratitude to the Camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, who removed the final indebtedness upon the property, and made Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge a lasting memorial



Anna Morris Holstein

As Regent of the Association, she presided with much grace and dignity at many public receptions and gatherings at the Headquarters, her pen and voice were ever active in enlisting the interest of the nation in Valley Forge, and she kept open house to many distinguished guests in her hospitable home.

Mrs. Holstein organized and was the first Regent of the Valley Forge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, of Norristown, Pa. She was Matron of the Pennsylvania Building at the World's Fair, Chicago, 1893. Also an active member of the Historical Society of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, speaking and writing upon topics of local historical interest; author of "Three Years in Field Hospitals," giving her three years' experience in that noble work. Also compiled and published the Holstein family history a few years before her death.

She also compiled sketches of her life in camp, written every night to her mother, on a barrel head with a candle for light, but her death occurred before these sketches were printed. She was a contributor to newspapers and magazines from time to time, many articles on patriotic subjects appearing in the "Camp News" while it was edited by H. J. Stager.

Mrs. Holstein was an earnest Christian woman, and her whole life was a life of service. She was a woman of strong patriotic impulses, and gifted with intelligence, and of a generous, refined and tender nature. Her absorbing life interests were patriotic, and found their fullest expression in the great service she rendered her country in her love for Valley Forge, and devotion in preserving its history.

M. B. J.



REBECCA McINNES, widow of Hugh McInnes, Esq., was born in Philadelphia, but has resided for more than forty years in Bridgeport and in Norristown. From the first she was greatly interested in the Centennial Celebration of the Evacuation of Valley Forge, and in the acquiring of the Headquarters house as a memorial. In 1887 she was elected a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, and in 1897, upon the death of Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, was elected Vice Regent, and upon the death of Mrs. Anna M. Holstein in 1900 was elected Regent, and so officiated up to the date of the dissolution of the Association.



Rebecca McInnes

HELEN CUSHMAN HOOVEN was the daughter of James and Mary Cushman, and was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1819. She was a lineal descendant of Robert Cushman, who came to this country in the "Mayflower."

Her parents moved to New Jersey when she was a young child, and there her earliest years were spent. Her father died about 1829, in Philadelphia, and some years later his family moved to Norristown, Pennsylvania, which for more than fifty years was Mrs. Hooven's home. Her marriage to James Hooven, the well-known iron manufacturer, took place in 1874. Always deeply interested in the welfare of her fellow-creatures, her life was devoted to good works. She was instrumental in organizing an Emergency Relief Association at a time when suffering was great among the poor. She was a staunch Abolitionist, and during the Civil War was active in collecting food and supplies for the sick and wounded soldiers. As one of the Vice Regents of the Valley Forge Centennial and Memorial Association she gave her hearty support to the work of that Society as long as she was able, and her interest in it never faltered. She was deeply religious and a member of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church. Even when illness and failing eyesight impaired her strength, she kept up her interest in those who needed her help, and sent others to do the work for which she was no longer able.

After an illness of three weeks she died in Norristown on January 11, 1897.

A. W. G.



Helen L. Hooven

THEODORE WEBER BEAN was born in Norriton township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, May 14, 1833. He was educated in the common schools of his township. At the age of seventeen he apprenticed himself to a blacksmith, and followed that occupation until 1862, pursuing at the same time a methodical course of self-culture, having in view the practice of law.

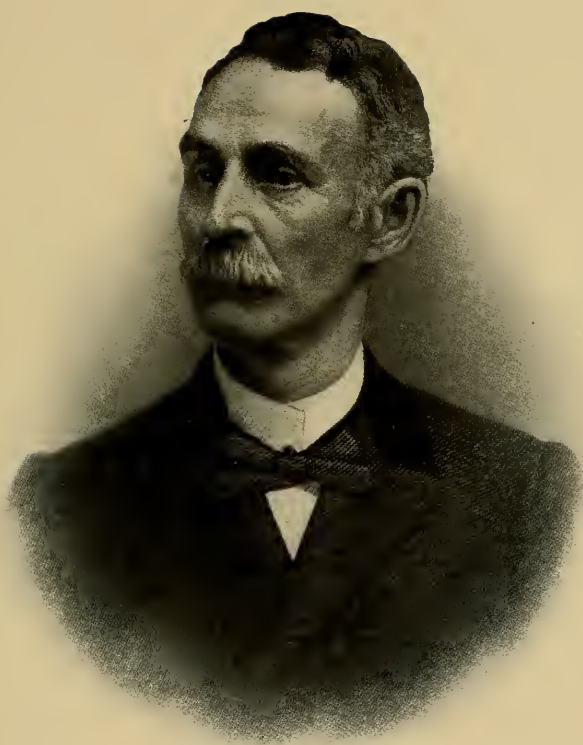
September 17, 1862, he was mustered into the service of the United States as a private of Company L, 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served throughout the war. He became Captain of his Company, May 30, 1863, and was brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel, March 13, 1865.

Upon his return to civil life, he resumed business and study. He was admitted to the Bar of Montgomery county, February 24, 1869, and continued in active practice until his death, January 20, 1891. In 1887 he was appointed by Governor Beaver a member of the State Commission on Industrial Education. In 1889 he was elected to the State Legislature, and made Chairman of the Committee on Education. He took an active part in the debates, and was a leading member of that body. He was the author of "Roll of Honor of the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry," "Footprints of the Revolution; or, Washington at Valley Forge," "Annals of the War," "Buford at Gettysburg," "Custer's Charge at Yellow Tavern," "The Fall of General Zook," "General Pleasanton at Chancellorsville," "Sheridan in the Shenandoah" and "History of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania."

He was instrumental in organizing the Historical Society of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in 1881. He was the first President, and held the office until 1889, when he declined re-election.

He delivered orations at Gettysburg upon the dedication of the Monument to General Zook, and the Memorial of the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry. His services as orator were repeatedly sought by his comrades in arms.

Indomitable energy, courage and devotion to duty were marked characteristics of Colonel Bean. He possessed a pleasing address, dignity and gentleness of manner, and was ever willing to add to the happiness of others, regardless of self.



Theo. M. Bran

Patriotism and public spirit were manifest throughout his life. To Colonel Bean is due the inception of the plan to secure to the nation Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge. With other noble spirits, he labored long and earnestly to that end, and that Valley Forge might be preserved as sacred ground, worthy to be visited and remembered for all time to come. In response to his appeal, Camp 114, Pennsylvania, at Norristown, of which he was a member, gave co-operation to the Centennial and Memorial Association. He was a Director of the Board from the date of its organization until his death.

Colonel Bean was most active in arranging for the Centennial anniversary, in 1878, of the evacuation by Washington and his army from Valley Forge, and was the Historian upon that occasion. From boyhood Colonel Bean studied and revered the history of Valley Forge. The fortitude of the Continental Army during the winter spent on those hills, the patient courage and wisdom of their Commander-in-Chief, were his admiration, and he deemed it a high privilege to give of his time and ability that succeeding generations might have preserved for them, in enduring memorials, the history of Valley Forge. L. L.

WILLIAM HAYMAN HOLSTEIN, born February 17, 1816, in Upper Merion, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. September 26, 1848, he married Anna Morris Ellis, of Muncy, Pennsylvania, and settled upon the farm in Upper Merion which was part of the thousand-acre tract purchased by Matthias Holstein, the second, in 1709.

In response to the call made by Governor Curtin for troops, in September, 1862, William H. Holstein enlisted in the 17th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. Upon his return he engaged with his wife in the Field Hospitals of the Army of the Potomac, continuing his helpful and merciful services to the close of the war. Major Holstein was influential in his community, and a vestryman in Christ's Swedes Church, Upper Merion. He shared with Mrs. Holstein a deep interest in Valley Forge and co-operated helpfully in the efforts of the Centennial and Memorial Association, and was a Director from the date of organization. He was received into Camp 121, Pennsylvania, at Conshohocken, in 1887.

Major Holstein died August 9, 1894, and with Mrs. Holstein lies buried in Christ's Swedes Church Burial Ground, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania.

M. B. J.



Wm S. Holstein

HENRY JOHN STAGER (whose ancestors located near Valley Forge in 1737, as shown in Penn grant of land, now in his possession) was born at Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1842. Was educated in the common schools. Joined Camp 47, Pennsylvania, Patriotic Order Sons of America, March 18, 1858. Attended the Sixth Pennsylvania State Convention as a delegate at Pottsville in 1860, and all State and National Conventions of the Order from 1866 to the year 1908, inclusive. In 1860 he began life in the printing trade. In 1866 he was principal in the founding of the "Camp News," with which he continued until 1904, thirty-eight years, and for over twenty-seven years was alone in the publication. In the Civil War he served a full enlistment with the 124th Pennsylvania Volunteers, July 22, 1862, to May 10, 1863, participating in several hard marches and skirmishes, as well as in several of the heaviest battles of the war. Thereafter he also served in the 39th Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia as orderly sergeant. In the fall of 1864 he was appointed second lieutenant by the War Department, and assigned to the 29th U. S. C. T., but did not re-enter service.

Since 1896 he has served as Treasurer of the Second Dutch Reformed Church, Philadelphia, and for over forty years has officiated as Treasurer of Camp 7, Pennsylvania.

At the reorganization of the Patriotic Order Sons of America in 1866 he was elected State Secretary, and so continued until resigning in 1884—seventeen and one-half years. He was a member of the Board of Trustees, Pennsylvania State Camp, for thirty-two years. Was also first National President elected at the organization of National Camp, and thereafter National Secretary, 1872 until 1885, when he also resigned. He is also an ex-Commander General of the Commandery. During this official career he was principal in the organization of the Mortuary Benefit Fund, assisted by National President J. S. Reeder and N. M. of F., R. T. S. Hallowell; also principal in the work of securing a State Camp building in Philadelphia. During his term as Pennsylvania State President in 1885-6 the Order became identified with the Valley Forge Washington Headquarters care, in which he took very active part and was Chairman of the Pennsylvania Trustee Committee and Vice Regent and Director, etc., since 1886 till dissolution.



H. Stäger.

RICHARD HENRY KOCH, born April 2, 1852, at Middleport, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. When five years old the family moved to a farm at Auburn, Pennsylvania, and when fourteen years old, to a flouring mill at Fleetwood, Pennsylvania. Went to Common Schools until nearly sixteen years of age, and then to the Keystone State Normal School, at Kutztown, Pennsylvania, where he was graduated at the age of nineteen. Taught in Common Schools for two years, and thereafter mathematics and civil government in his alma mater. Read law with Francis W. Hughes, an eminent attorney, of national reputation, at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and was admitted to the bar May 2, 1881. Was District Attorney of Schuylkill county 1890, 1891 and 1892, and served as Judge in the county of Schuylkill, by appointment of Governor Hastings, from September, 1897, to January, 1899, practicing law at Pottsville, Pennsylvania, since January, 1899. He joined the Patriotic Order Sons of America in Camp 100, New Ringgold, Pennsylvania, in 1871, but withdrew his card to help to reorganize Camp 14, Pennsylvania, Pottsville, and has taken an active part in many of the National and State Camps. For a number of years he has officiated as a member of the Board of Trustees, State Camp of Pennsylvania. He became a Valley Forge Trustee at the authorization of that Committee in 1887, and thereafter a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge from the date of its reorganization in 1886.



P. A. Koch

FREELAND GOTWALS HOBSON was a descendant of Francis Hobson, who came from England in 1712, accompanied by his wife, Martha Wainhouse, and settled in Chester county, Pennsylvania. They were members of the Society of Friends. Freeland G. Hobson (only son of Frank M. and Lizzie Gotwals Hobson) was born October 13, 1857, in Collegeville, Pennsylvania. He began his education in the public schools of Upper Providence, graduating in 1876 from Ursinus College. He entered the office of his uncle, J. G. Gotwals, then District Attorney, as a student at law, and was admitted to the bar October 1, 1880. He opened an office in Norristown, and soon acquired a lucrative practice. He was engaged in numerous financial and commercial companies, which occupied much of his time. In 1888 he organized the Norristown Trust Company, of which he was made secretary, treasurer and trust officer, positions which he held to the time of his death. He was president, secretary, treasurer or director in several other business associations. He was a member of Trinity Dutch Reformed Church, of Collegeville, in which he was an elder for ten years. Active in Church work, he was a delegate to Classis and Synods of the said Church, and in all these bodies took an earnest part. At the General Synod in 1902 he was elected vice president and presided at many of the sessions. He also served as secretary and treasurer of the Montgomery County Sunday School Association, and as president of the Schuylkill Valley Union of Christian Endeavor, and appeared upon the programmes of two International Sessions, held at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1894, and at Boston, Mass., in 1895. For six years he served as president and director in the Collegeville School Board, but his principal efforts in educational lines were to advance the interests of Ursinus College from the days of his graduation in 1876, and when his father resigned the twofold position of secretary and treasurer, in 1904, he succeeded him in these offices. He was founder and editor of the Montgomery county "Law Reporter," a weekly legal periodical which reports all the decisions of the Montgomery County Courts. He was the author of "Providence Township History" and a contributor to "Bean's History of Montgomery County." In 1884, when the Centennial of Montgomery county



F. G. Hobson.

was celebrated, he acted as chairman of the Executive Committee of the Montgomery County Historical Society, of which he was a charter member. He was a prominent leader in the Patriotic Order Sons of America, holding membership in Camp 267, Pennsylvania, at Ironbridge. In August, 1893, he was elected as Pennsylvania State President. He was one of the Trustee Committee and prominent in the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, serving as Treasurer thereof from date of reorganization in 1886 until his death, January 10, 1906. September 15, 1880, he was married to Miss Ella M. Hendricks, daughter of the Rev. Joseph H. Hendricks, D. D., and Kate Hendricks. Three children were born to this union, Frank, Anna M. and Catherine. H. J. S.

SAMUEL MORRET HELMS was born at Myerstown, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1854; he attended the public schools and the Palatinate College at that place until 1868, when he removed to Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

After clerking in a general store for a brief time, he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway as a clerk. In a few years he was promoted to the position of weigh-master and coal clerk, which position he held until 1887, when he resigned to enter the life and accident insurance business, in which he is still engaged at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Helms joined Camp 49, Pennsylvania, Patriotic Order Sons of America, January 25, 1871. He was always active in his Camp while residing at Pine Grove, having held practically all the offices in the gift of the Camp. He was elected State Marshal at Pottstown, and State Master of Forms at Easton, over four competitors. He was elected State President at Altoona in 1886. His record as State President in the organization of new Camps exceeded all previous records. In 1897 he was elected the first Secretary of the Veteran Association, later on Vice President of the same, and then President of the Association.

Mr. Helms was one of the original Trustees of the Valley Forge Association, being appointed in 1886, as well as Director since that date.



S. M. Nelson

RICHARD THOMAS STEWART HALLOWELL, was born September 5, 1849, at Swedesburg, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. In early life he became a member of Christ (Swedes) Church, located near by, serving as Vestryman and also as Treasurer until his death, August 14, 1908. He was Superintendent of Swedeland Union Sunday School and Librarian at Swedes for many years. He was a contractor and builder, and erected many houses in Conshohocken, Norristown, Lower Merion and along the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was National Master of Forms and Ceremonies, 1879-'81. He was one of the original State Camp Trustee Committee to act with the Valley Forge Association to preserve Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge; was later made a Director of Valley Forge Centennial and Memorial Association; was the efficient Secretary and, after the death of F. P. Spiese, was also elected as Treasurer. He was a member of Camp 121, Pennsylvania, Conshohocken, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and served as State President, instituting one hundred and twelve Camps while he held the office, and laid the groundwork which enabled his successor to institute one hundred and six Camps the following year. He was the first to suggest that the Camps in every locality place flags in the Public Schools, which suggestion was approved by the Pennsylvania State Camp. He was a firm advocate of free Public Schools and was Director on the local School Board, to which duty he gave the same earnest service he gave to every other position he ever occupied.

At the close of his life, realizing that his departure was at hand, he bowed in humble resignation to the will of his Master, and his last act before death, while suffering intensely with a malignant throat affection, was to write with his own hand his trust in God in the following sentence: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him." He died as he lived, one of God's noblemen.

J. H.



R. L. S. Mallonell

IRWIN SAMUEL SMITH was born in the city of Reading on June 2, 1854, and has resided there ever since, except a short time in his infancy while his parents resided in Chicago. He was educated in the public schools, and also took a regular course in a business college, after which he served an apprenticeship with his father in the painting and paperhanging business, and later on he connected himself with his father, and for a number of years has managed the various interests thereof under the firm name of John Smith & Son, up to the 15th of February, 1903, when his father died. Since that time he has conducted the business in his own name. He first became identified with the Order in 1870, becoming a member of Camp 89, Reading, at the age of sixteen years, and all of which time he has been one of its most active members. The present numerical strength of his Camp and its financial valuation of over \$48,000 are in a great measure due to his energy and sterling business tact. He has served in office in his Camp since he first became a member of it, and for many years has been its Recording Secretary and the moving spirit of the Board of Trustees of the Camp, which office he has held for almost thirty-six years. He has served in an official capacity in the State Camp since 1873. At the convention held at Williamsport that year he was elected State Conductor. The following year he was appointed District President for the entire county of Berks, and during his terms was instrumental in having a number of Camps instituted in his county, which to-day rank among the best Camps in the Order. In 1877 he was commissioned State Commander of the Blue Degree or uniformed rank of the Order, in this State, for two years. At the State Camp session, held at Lebanon in 1879, he was elevated to the office of State President. He was elected to his present position as State Treasurer at the annual convention, held at Hazleton in 1883, a continuous service of over twenty-seven years, and the oldest member of the State Executive Committee in continuous service. He is a member of the Trustee Committee and was elected a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge in 1886



Erwin S. Smith.



ESLEY HOWE SCHWARTZ is a native of Blair county, and was born near Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1845. He was educated in the public schools. In 1865 he began to teach in his native township, where he remained two years, removing to Altoona in 1868, where he taught two terms. Hollidaysburg then became his home, and there, after a term of eleven years, his teaching experience came to a close. Before leaving Williamsburg he had begun to write for various publications—including the "Camp News"—and in September, 1868, became a regular writer for the Altoona "Vindicator," doing his writing after the day's work in the schoolroom. In the beginning of 1870 the "Vindicator's" name was changed to "The Sun," and soon after the first number of the Altoona "Daily Sun" appeared. This was Altoona's first daily paper, and Mr. Schwartz was its first city editor. After his removal to Hollidaysburg, in September, 1870, he edited the Democratic "Standard," continuing his work as a teacher. January 31, 1881, he became editor-in-chief of the "Morning Tribune," Altoona's leading daily, a position he still holds. He became a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America by initiation into Washington Camp No. 45, then located in Williamsburg, Pennsylvania, on December 13, 1864. He had the honor of attending the State Convention of 1865, in Altoona, and is one of the Incorporators of the State Camp of Pennsylvania, which was organized in Minersville, Schuylkill county, August 9, 1866. Was State Vice President, 1890-91. He is now a member of Washington Camp No. 31. He is a member of the Valley Forge Trustee Committee on the part of the Pennsylvania State Camp, and a Director in the Centennial and Memorial Association since 1886. Mr. Schwartz is also editor-in-chief of the "Bulletin" of the Pure Food Department, a monthly published by the State Agricultural Department. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western Pennsylvania Institution for the Feeble-Minded, located at Polk, Pennsylvania, and Message Clerk of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his family consists of a wife, four children, and a dozen grandchildren.



Wesley Hove Schantz

HENRY ALBRIGHT KLOCK, M. D., was born August 16, 1848, at Pitman, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania; died February 1, 1908. He received his education in the common schools of his native place and at Union Seminary, Union county, Pennsylvania. He subsequently took a commercial course in the Quaker City Business College of Philadelphia, and then went into the mercantile business and continued until 1875. At the close of this period he began the study of medicine, and entered Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated on March 11, 1878. Immediately after graduation he entered into partnership with Dr. Benjamin Becker, of Pottsville, and after six months went to Mahanoy City, where he maintained a successful and growing practice.

He joined the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Pitman in 1870, was a charter member of Camp 124, Pennsylvania, in Mahanoy City, and has always taken an active part in State and National Camps. He was at one time State Master of Forms and Ceremonies in Pennsylvania, Medical Examiner-in-Chief of the Mortuary Benefit Fund, operated by the National Camp. He was also District President of his district for one term; he was one of the Pennsylvania State Camp Trustee Committee of the Valley Forge fund, and a Director of the Association from the date of its reorganization in 1886. J. V. K.



H. A. Glock

JAMES KELLERSON HELMS was born in Myerstown, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1841. While a young boy his parents removed to Philadelphia, where he received his education in the public schools. When he was sixteen years old his family removed to Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, and here he began his career in life as a school teacher in Wayne township, close by the town. Upon the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted for three months' service as a private in Company D, 6th Pennsylvania Infantry, at the expiration of which time he re-enlisted for three years in the 48th Pennsylvania Infantry, and remained with that command throughout the war. He rose through the various ranks to that of Captain and had command of his Company in the assault on Petersburg, where he was taken prisoner, but was rescued by Union troops, and later in the same battle received a wound in the leg which disabled him for life.

Shortly after the close of the war he was elected Justice of the Peace of the borough, and held said office until his death. His one great boast was that he never had a decision of his reversed by court. For many years he was a member of the Borough School Board.

In 1870 he was married to Miss Amanda Kantner, and had by said marriage five sons and two daughters. His widow, with one daughter, Elizabeth, and four sons, Thaddeus S., Harry S., James K., Charles B., survive him and reside in Philadelphia. The boys are all members of Camp 50, Pennsylvania, at Roxborough. The father first entered the Patriotic Order Sons of America, then known as the Junior Sons of America, May 7, 1858, and at once became an active spirit. He made his first appearance in the Pennsylvania State Convention at Pottsville in 1860. Upon the reorganization of the Order, after the war, his activity therein became a passion which influenced his whole life. At the Convention which was held at Minersville, in 1866, he was among the members who brought about the formation of the State Camp of Pennsylvania, and was elected the first State Master of Forms and Ceremonies. At the next session of the State Camp he was elected State President. At the close of the first session of the National Camp he was elected National President.



James R. Helms

He was an Incorporator of the State Camp of Pennsylvania. He was elected on the first Board of Trustees of the State Camp Building and continued on same until his death. He was also an ex-Commander General of the Commandery. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Valley Forge Trust Committee from its start in 1886, and became a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge at its organization and continued as such until 1893, when owing to his feeble health he resigned after re-election, and was privileged to name his successor. He died at Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, July 23, 1893, respected by all who knew him.

On his grave the Sons of America Veteran Association have erected a handsome monument, which was dedicated on June 11, 1901, the sixtieth anniversary of his birth, he being the first member of the Order thus honored.

T. S. H.

J OHN HOWARD DUGAN was born March 1, 1860, at Lairdsville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. When six years old the family moved to Audenried, Pennsylvania. Attended Common School until sixteen years of age, then taught one year; then entered West Chester State Normal School, graduating in 1879; taught three years in the Public Schools, then became Mining Engineer for the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, at Audenried. He left this position in 1891 to take up contracting, under the name of Crawford & Dugan. In 1901 accepted a position as General Manager of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, the largest coal company in China; remained there two years. Was Superintendent of the Dodson Coal Company, 1903-1906, when he again took the management of the contracting business, which he had repurchased in 1904.

He was married in 1886 to Miss Ella, daughter of Dr. A. Dimmick, of Audenried.

Joined Camp 261, Pennsylvania, Patriotic Order Sons of America, in 1881; was District President of Luzerne and Carbon District, 1883-4, and State Master of Forms, 1885-6, and one of the original Valley Forge Trustee Committee, and a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association.



J. H. Dugan.

HUDSON RUTHERFORD FLEMING was born January 17, 1852, at Mill Hall, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and has resided in Lycoming county nearly all his life, mainly at Williamsport. In 1878 he engaged in the manufacture of carriages, and continued in that business until the great flood of 1889, in which the loss to his home city and immediate vicinity exceeded a million dollars. He had charge of the purchase of supplies for the relief of the sufferers in that great calamity. At the conclusion of this work, at a public meeting held in the County Court House, he, with Mayor J. S. Foreman, Rev. W. H. Graff, Rev. Father E. A. Garvey, Rev. E. J. Gray, Hon. Elias Deemer, Wm. Ewes, F. Coleman and Frank Reading, were appointed a commission to distribute \$157,000 contributed for the relief of the small property holders. He was secretary of the commission, which consumed a year in its work. The auditors reported having examined approximately fifteen thousand checks, vouchers and other items, covering the entire distribution, and this report became a part of the Court records. He has been a member of the Board of Education of his city for the past twenty-five years, having served as President, Secretary and Treasurer. In 1891, under the firm name of Fleming & Shollenberger, he engaged in the manufacture of flour, meal, feed, etc., at Hepburnville, Pennsylvania, and has continued the business to the present time.

He joined Camp 157, Pennsylvania, Patriotic Order Sons of America, at Williamsport, in 1872, and for many years took an active part in the work of the Order, both local and State. He has been a member of the Pennsylvania Trustee Committee, and a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge from the date of its organization in 1886



H. R. Fleming

RICHARD PETERSON was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1823, of Quaker parentage, and was educated in the Friends' schools. February 15, 1844, he married Almira Little, daughter of Honorable Edward P. Little, of Marshfield, Mass., and settled on a farm at Abington, Pennsylvania, where he lived until 1847, at which time he moved to Philadelphia and became connected with the firm known as Cresson, Stuart & Peterson, thereafter Stuart & Peterson, and later as Stuart, Peterson & Co., in the stove and hollow-ware business, covering a period of over forty years. He was the financier of the firm, which became known as one of the best and largest hollow-ware foundries in the country. The foundry was located at Broad and Noble streets and occupied quite a tract of ground. Upon the death of Mr. Stuart the business management devolved entirely upon Mr. Peterson and was continued by him until 1886, at which time he sold the business and retired, and moved from Philadelphia to his summer residence at Valley Forge (now occupied and owned by Secretary of State P. C. Knox), where he made his home until 1892, when he moved to Haverford, Pennsylvania. He died December 12, 1893, and was buried on December 15th in the family lot in South Laurel Hill.

During the Civil War he took an active part in the Volunteer Refreshment Saloon. He was one of the early members of the Union League of Philadelphia, a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences, and at one time a Trustee of the Spring Garden Institute.

He joined the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Camp 243, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1880, and was President of same in 1882, and in June, 1883, at Beach Haven National Convention, was made National President and served as such until June, 1885. This Order is the only secret society he joined. He became a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge in 1889.

G. P.



Richard Peterson

WILLIAM WEAND, born November 14, 1842, at Pottstown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. When six years old the family moved to a farm in Schuylkill county, and later moved to Port Carbon, in same county, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools, and became a wage earner at the age of twelve years. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company A, 96th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, August 22, 1861, and was mustered out of service October 21, 1864, serving an enlistment of three years and two months in the Army of the Potomac, during which time he participated in thirty-two battles and skirmishes. After his discharge from the army he resumed his occupation in the rolling mill, and from there he helped to build the branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad from Quakake to Mt. Carmel, and later learned the trades of blacksmith and machinist, working for one firm seventeen and a half years. He first joined the Patriotic Order Sons of America in 1873, and at once took an active part in its upbuilding; served as District President of the Northern Schuylkill District in 1877-78; was elected State Vice President at Gettysburg August, 1878; again served as District President in 1880-81; was appointed State Chaplain in 1881; was elected State President at Easton, August 1882, and upon the resignation of State Secretary H. J. Stager, in 1883, was elected to said office by the State Executive Committee, taking charge of the office January 1, 1884, and has served continuously in said office up to the present date, covering a period of over twenty-six years. As State Secretary he rendered valuable assistance to State President H. J. Stager in securing contributions to a fund to pay off the mortgage on Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge, which eventually led to the re-formation of the Valley Forge Memorial and Centennial Association, of which he has been an active member on the Board of Directors since 1891.



Wm. Neander

SAMUEL ALFRED LOSCH was born December 19, 1842, at Uniontown, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania; educated in the public schools at Schuylkill Haven; at the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in Company C, 50th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, as a private (this regiment saw much hard service, serving successively in South Carolina under General I. I. Stevens, in the Army of the Potomac under Generals McClellan, Pope and Burnside, under General Grant at Vicksburg, and Jackson, formed part of the besieged at the siege of Knoxville, finally joined Grant in the Army of the Potomac, serving until the surrender at Appomattox). Mr. Losch was promoted from time to time for distinguished bravery, and when mustered out July 30, 1865, it was as first lieutenant of his company; after the close of the war he was twice commissioned to serve in the National Guard of Pennsylvania on the staff of Major General J. C. Seigfried with rank of major for terms of five years; was a member of the House of Representatives, sessions of 1875 and 1876; chief clerk in the State Department under Governors Hartranft and Hoyt; appointed Secretary of New Mexico by President Arthur, September, 1884; removed by President Cleveland in 1885; elected chief clerk of House of Representatives in 1887; State Senator representing Schuylkill county at Harrisburg, 1896 to 1900; was delegate from his county to nearly every Republican State Convention since 1871 for many years, and was National Delegate in 1880, being one of the memorable "306" voting for General Grant; was active in the Grand Army of the Republic from its organization and elected Senior Vice-Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, in 1876.

He joined the Patriotic Order Sons of America in 1866, and took quite an active part in that work for many years thereafter. He was present at several sessions of the Pennsylvania State Camp as a delegate. He was elected as a Director of this Board in 1893. Died September 11, 1900. H. J. S.



Saml. Bosch
P.S.

FREDERICK BERTOLETTE was born in Frederick township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1851. He was a graduate of Bucknell University in 1872 and received the degree of Master of Arts in 1875; was admitted to the Bar of Carbon county in 1874, and has been practicing law at Mauch Chunk ever since. He joined the Patriotic Order Sons of America and took an active part in Camp 108, Pennsylvania, located in his home town. He was a delegate to the Pennsylvania State Camp several times, and also a member of the National Camp at various times. He became a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge in June, 1894.

MARY KRAUSE PRESTON, the daughter of David and Catherine Krause, was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, September 7, 1835, and resided in that city until 1845, when her father was appointed Judge of Montgomery and Bucks counties, and removed with his family to Norristown, which was her home from that time until her death.

On October 10, 1867, she was married to Dr. Mahlon Preston, one of the first successful homœopathic physicians of Norristown, who died October 2, 1895.

She always enjoyed the study of history, and was zealous in patriotic movements. When an aid at the Sanitary Fair, held in Philadelphia during the Civil War, she happened to be very near President Lincoln when the lights in the building were suddenly extinguished in an attempt to assassinate him.

She was a member of the Historical Society of Montgomery County, the Valley Forge Centennial and Memorial Association, of which she was a Director, and of the Valley Forge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the latter having been organized at her home. In all of these she took an active part and attended their meetings until prevented by ill health. She was especially interested in all their endeavors to preserve local history, traditions and landmarks. She regarded the work of the Memorial Association as of the greatest importance and rejoiced in its success.

She died February 2, 1907, and is survived by one son and two daughters.

C. P.



Antiball

JAMES HIGH WOLFE, born at Mount Pleasant, Hilltown township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1848, of Pennsylvania German parentage. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm at his birthplace, and he attended the public schools and a private academy in Hilltown; took a full collegiate course at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with the exception of the first term of the junior year, which he spent at the University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated in 1870 with the degree of A. B., and three years later his alma mater conferred on him the degree of A. M.; taught for one year in the historic Germantown Academy in connection with his study of the law, which he pursued in the office of General B. Franklin Fisher; was admitted to the Bar of Philadelphia in 1872 and subsequently to the Federal Courts of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and has ever since actively practiced his profession, principally in the Civil Courts. He is solicitor for a number of Building Associations, and his activities are exercised principally in the realm of the law of real estate.

He is a member of the Medico-Legal Society of Philadelphia and of other civic and professional bodies, and has for many years been President of St. John's Lutheran Church, the oldest English Lutheran Church in America, and Sunday School Superintendent for over twenty-five years.

He joined Camp 7, Pennsylvania, Patriotic Order Sons of America, in 1873, and has frequently represented his Camp and his District as District President, in the State Conventions of that Order in Pennsylvania. He served for a long period as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania State Camp Building and has also frequently represented said State Camp as Delegate at the National Conventions of the Order. He was first elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge in 1894, and has served in that capacity continuously ever since.



Das H. Wolfe

FRANKLIN PIERCE SPIESE was born in East Coven-
 entry township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, January
 20, 1855. His early life was spent upon a farm, attend-
 ing public school five months in the year, until
 seventeen years of age. He was brought up in the Reformed
 Church, to which his parents were united. He removed to
 Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighteen, and joined
 Camp 57, Pennsylvania, there located. For ten years he served
 as Recording Secretary. In 1877 at Pennsylvania State Camp
 he was unanimously elected State Vice President and served in
 other official capacities, and in 1890 was elected as State Presi-
 dent, and in 1891 re-elected, which was the first re-election made
 for said office. In that time the membership was increased
 from 43,365 to 48,450, and the Camps from 555 to 654. January
 4, 1867, he was elected as National Treasurer of the National
 Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and served with signal
 ability in that office until the date of his death, August 31,
 1907. A brief review of his business career shows that in 1872
 he was first employed in the office of the Catawissa Railroad
 Company, and thereafter became apprenticed as a carpenter,
 serving about five years. In 1877 he engaged in the wholesale
 and retail boot, shoe and leather findings business, and was
 the head of the firm of F. P. Spiese & Co., doing the largest
 trade in this line in Schuylkill county. In 1885 he was among
 the pioneers engaging in the installation of a central station for
 the supply of electricity for light, heat and power, and organ-
 ized the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Tamaqua.
 He was also interested in various other enterprises, among
 which were the Citizens' Gas Light Company, of Tamaqua;
 President of the Tamaqua and Landsford Street Railway Com-
 pany; Director of Tamaqua Building and Loan Association;
 President of the First National Bank. He served as School
 Director and was interested in State and National politics. In
 the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge he
 was elected as a Director in June, 1895, and as Treasurer in
 1906, succeeding F. G. Hobson, deceased, and so continued
 until his death. In 1880 he married Miss Emma L. Bowden, of
 Tamaqua. One daughter followed this union, but died in early
 youth.

H. J. S.



Franklin F. Spiese

MARY BEAN JONES, was born at Jeffersonville, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1863. Removed to Norristown in 1875; graduated from the Norristown High School, 1880, and from Wellesley College, 1889; engaged in teaching, February 10, 1891; married A. Conrad Jones, of Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, where they reside. Their children are Dorothea Bean and Rachel Conrad.

Mrs. Jones is an active member of the Historical Society of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and has held the office of Corresponding Secretary for many years. She assisted her father in the compilation of the "History of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania."

Mrs. Jones is identified with the educational and civic movements in her community, and has served several years as President of the Woman's Club of Conshohocken, Pa.

In recognition of her deep interest in Valley Forge and her father's services in the Valley Forge Centennial and Memorial Association, she was made a Director in that Association in June, 1895, and Second Vice-Regent in June, 1901.



Mary Bean Jones.

A BRAHAM D FETTEROLF was born in Perkiomen township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1850. When six years old he removed with his parents to Collegeville, Pa.; attended the public schools and Freeland Seminary (now Ursinus College); taught in the Public Schools for four years. Filled the following public offices: Deputy Clerk of the Courts of Montgomery county; Chairman of Republican County Committee in 1892-93; Secretary of Republican State Committee, 1894-1895; Resident Clerk of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, 1893; Chief Clerk during the sessions of 1895 and 1897; Justice of the Peace for eight years; Burgess of Collegeville; was a Director of the National Bank of Schwenksville for five years; is President of the Collegeville National Bank, and Secretary of the Perkiomen Valley Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He is a charter member of Washington Camp No. 267, Pennsylvania, Patriotic Order Sons of America, having joined the Order in 1880; was District President of Montgomery county in 1885; became a member of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge in 1896.



A. D. Fetterolf.

PETER NATHANIEL KLINGER SCHWENK, B. S., A. M., M. D., was born in Valley View, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, on August 24, 1854, where he attended the country school until 1871, when his parents removed to Lewisburgh, Pennsylvania, where he attended the High School for two years. In 1873 he entered the Freshmen Class of Bucknell University as a scientific student, from which he was graduated in 1876 with honors. For three years he taught school in Northumberland county and in the fall of 1879 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated in 1882 as a physician of the first class, having received a class average of 95.25% for the term, also honorable mention for his thesis on "Histology of Gangrene." On June 22, 1883, he was appointed a clinical assistant in the Eye and Ear Department of the Pennsylvania Hospital, and in July, 1896, was elected as one of the Attending Surgeons in the same Hospital, which position he still holds. On October 10, 1883, he received an appointment as clinical assistant to Dr. George C. Harlan at Wills' Eye Hospital, elected an Assistant Surgeon in 1890, and an Attending Surgeon to Wills' Eye Hospital in July, 1898, which position he holds to-day.

Dr. Schwenk has served three years (1882 to 1884) as an Attending Physician to the Northern Dispensary, Guardian Physician in 1884, Vaccine Physician from 1884 to 1896—besides other minor appointments. He is a member of the Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania State and American Medical Societies, American Ophthalmological Society, American Ophthalmological and Oto-Laryngological Society, Congress of Physicians and Surgeons, American Academy of Medicine, Northern Medical Society, etc. Received the honorary degree of Master of Arts from Ursinus College in 1900. Is a member of all the Masonic bodies, including the thirty-second degree. Was married on February 10, 1891, to Miss Mary R. Shepp, of Tamaqua, Pennsylvania. Has one son, P. N. Klinger Schwenk, Jr. He became a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America in Camp 109, Pennsylvania, Valley View, in 1869, and he is at present National Medical Examiner-in-Chief of the Mortuary Benefit Fund, and one of the Directors of the Valley Forge Memorial Association since 1897.



R. K. Schwens

FREDERICK ECKERT STEES was born in Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, September 27, 1841, receiving his education in the public schools of his native town, and later graduating from the Arcadian Institute, Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania.

In 1857, he became a member of Camp 49, Pennsylvania, Junior Sons of America, and continued his membership in the Patriotic Order Sons of America until death.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, he promptly responded to President Lincoln's call in 1861, and enlisted in Company B, 96th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Upon his return, he became connected with a general store, known as Forrer & Stees, which continued until 1876, when the firm changed to F. E. Stees & Bro., and remained as such until 1887.

In 1880, he was elected a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and re-elected in 1882, by the Republican party.

During the summer of 1887, he moved to Kansas City, Missouri, to engage in the real estate business; returning to Pennsylvania, during the fall of 1888, he was appointed a United States Custom House Inspector at Philadelphia, resigning said position to become National Secretary of the Patriotic Order Sons of America in October, 1891, which position he retained to the time of his death, April 19, 1905.

His entire energy was devoted to the upbuilding of the Order, being a Past President of his Camp, Past State President of the State Camp of Pennsylvania, Past National President, ex-Commander General of the uniformed rank, and at his death he occupied the positions of National Secretary and Recorder General of the Commandery General. He was one of the original State Camp Incorporators and a State Camp Building Trustee from 1876.

He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, being elected in 1897.

Besides being actively identified with the P. O. S. of A., he held membership in Post No. 203, Grand Army of the Republic; Lodge No. 148, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Pine Grove Lodge, No. 409, Free and Accepted Masons. C. H. S.



H. E. Sears

JOHAN MILTON STAUFFER, born February 13, 1863, at Ringtown, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. Attended Common Schools and Millersville State Normal School. At seventeen he became a teacher and taught in the Public Schools of Schuylkill, Luzerne and Carbon counties for ten terms. He was engaged in lumbering, iron industries, banking and coal operations. He was married to Miss Carrie Madara, of Frackville, Pennsylvania, November 20, 1889. He has lived successively at Ringtown, Schuylkill Haven, Beaver Meadow and Hazleton. He joined Camp 265, Pennsylvania, Patriotic Order Sons of America, April 18, 1883; transferred to Camp 219 in 1885. He has taken an active part in State and National Camps. Served six years as District President. He became a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association in 1901, and served as its last Treasurer.



J. M. Stauffer

A BRAHAM STEINMETZ BRENDLE, son of Daniel and Rebecca (Steinmetz) Brendle, was born in Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1854. His parents moved on a farm near said town when he was two years old, and there he spent his boyhood and youth. Attended the public schools until he was seventeen years old, and then entered Palatinate College, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, where he prepared for the Junior class at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, from which institution he was graduated with honors June, 1877; then taught two years in the public schools of his native town, and next the Spring Mills Academy one term. Read law with Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, Lebanon, and was admitted to the Lebanon county Bar, May, 1882, and is in active practice now. Joined Camp 256, Pennsylvania, Patriotic Order Sons of America, February 3, 1892, and filled the office of District President in 1893. He became a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, June, 1905.



A. S. Bredle.

MARY TEESE McINNES was born in Bridgeport, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and resides with her mother at Norristown. Her father, Hugh McInnes, a highly respected and successful business man in that vicinity, died several years ago. She was educated in Private Schools in Philadelphia and Paris, France. Elected a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge in 1906, of which her mother has been Regent since 1901.



Mary J. McInnis.

J OHN HARRY HUGHES, born February 19, 1850, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His ancestor Hendrick Fry came to this country in 1672 and married Catherine Ann Levering in 1694. He is the great-great-grandson of John Hesser, who when a boy of sixteen years of age was with General Washington at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-1778, and with him at the Battle of Trenton, December 26, 1776. He attended the public school at Cheltenham, Montgomery county, until fifteen years of age. He graduated at the Bryant-Stratton commercial college in commercial law and bookkeeping. He learned the manufacture of Irish silk poplins in his father's factory in Philadelphia. After that he was associated in the manufacture of cotton and woolen yarns and also hosiery, in Philadelphia, until 1893. From that time to the present he has been interested in the storage business. He was initiated in Washington Camp No. 300, Pennsylvania, Patriotic Order Sons of America, on February 19, 1889, his thirty-ninth birthday; received the blue degree in Commandery No. 4, April 9, 1890, and was elected President of Camp 300, June 25, 1889. He has been an officer or a representative up until two years ago to the Pennsylvania State Camp, and also held the office of State Camp Building Trustee, and was Treasurer of the Jubilee Committee when the State Camp met in Philadelphia on its sixtieth anniversary. He was the first Commander of Commandery No. 4, under the Commandery General, and served in the office of Senior Vice Commander and Commander General in 1894 and 1895. He has been a representative or officer in the National Camp from 1890 up to 1907, having held the office of National Inspector and National Conductor. Also a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, and a Director of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge since 1906, being the last one elected to that office.



Johnny Hughes

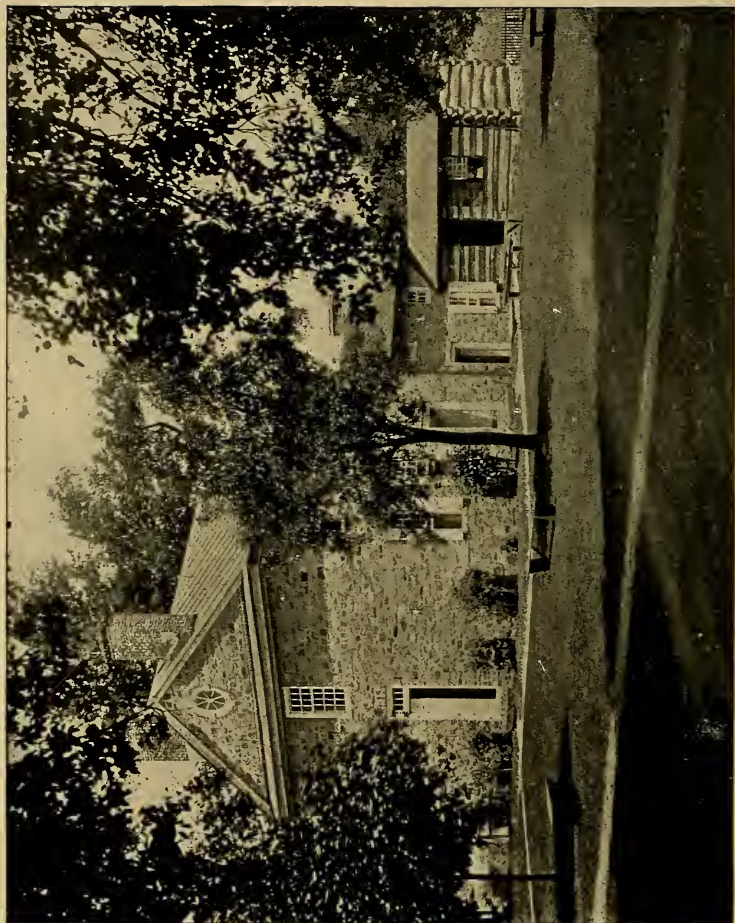
I SAAC WATKIN SMITH, born July 29, 1839, in Lower Merion, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the public schools of that township. Became manager of carpet-yarn factory of his brother-in-law, Joseph Shaw, at Valley Forge. After Mr. Shaw's death he continued the superintendence of the interests of the estate until 1872, then operated the mill in his own interests until 1882, when he removed to Norristown. In 1883 he erected a mill in Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, for the manufacture of woollen goods, and continued the business until his death.

Mr. Smith was active and interested in the arrangements for the 1878 celebration of the Centennial of the Evacuation of Washington and his Army from Valley Forge. His home was opened freely for the early meetings of the Valley Forge Centennial Association, and he was the first President of that Organization. He advanced the first payment of \$500, to secure the Headquarters of Washington at Valley Forge as a memorial, which amount was refunded by the efforts of the ladies on June 19, 1878. He died March 15, 1903. His widow served as a Director of the Valley Forge Centennial and Memorial Association for a term of years

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J. W. Smith
Jr.



REAR VIEW OF WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS
(Overlooking camp ground)

Origin



THE Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge was formed for a twofold purpose, to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the occupation and evacuation of the hills of Valley Forge by the Continental Army, and to secure to the nation Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge, as a memorial for all time.

On the 18th day of December, 1877, the following-named persons, Isaac W. Smith, Colonel Theo. W. Bean, Dr. N. A. Pennypacker, General B. F. Fisher, Major R. R. Corson, Charles Ramey, Major B. F. Bean, John W. Eckman, I. Heston Todd, Charles Mercer, John W. Rowan, Daniel Webster, John Robb, met at the residence of the first-named gentleman, in the village of Valley Forge, at which meeting Mr. I. W. Smith was selected to preside, and John Robb was chosen secretary, and John W. Eckman, treasurer. These gentlemen organized the "Centennial Association of Valley Forge," and resolved that "a demonstration be made on the centennial anniversary of the departure of General Washington's army from Valley Forge." At a second meeting of the Association the several committees were appointed to make the necessary preparations for the anniversary ceremonies on June 19, 1878.

Subsequent meetings were held, and active preparations resulted in a most fitting and successful celebration of the historic day. The ceremonies were of a military, religious, musical and historical character, and more than fifty thousand people assembled on the Valley Forge hills to participate in the event.

Prior to the celebration, at a meeting of the Association held February 22, 1878, the committee on memorial design reported favorable to the purchasing of the Headquarters of Washington, and suggested that the matter be placed in the hands of the ladies, the executive officer to be appointed by the Association, to be called the Lady Regent. At the next meeting, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein was selected Lady Regent.

Mrs. Holstein associated with her other patriotic ladies, Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Mrs. Isaac Holstein, Miss Emily Amies (now Mrs. Abram Walker), Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. Isaac Walker, Mrs. Cadwallader Evans, Mrs. B. F. Fisher, Mrs. George W. Holstein. They at once entered into negotiations for the purchase of Washington's Headquarters. In March, 1878, the terms of purchase were agreed upon by a committee, consisting of Major and Mrs. W. H. Holstein and Mrs. Rebecca McInnes. \$6,000 was named by the owner, Mrs. Hannah Ogden, as the purchase price, and the first payment of \$500 was advanced by Mr. Isaac W. Smith.

May 27, 1878, a meeting of the ladies of Montgomery and Chester counties was held at Washington's Head-

quarters at Valley Forge, to assist the gentlemen in furthering arrangements for the celebration on June 19, 1878. The meeting was organized with Mrs. William H. Holstein as Regent, Mrs. James Hooven, Treasurer, and Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Secretary. From that time until June 19, semi-weekly meetings were held; money and large quantities of provisions were gathered by the ladies, and on the 19th of June, by means of the sale of photographs, maps, fruit, crackers, lemonade and other articles under the able management of Mrs. Wm. H. Holstein, at the Headquarters and grounds about it, and by a tent dinner on the field, where the celebration was held, under the efficient management of Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, the first five hundred dollars were made to repay the money advanced by Mr. Isaac W. Smith to secure the Headquarters mansion.

The success of the celebration on June 19, 1878, from every point of view, was a strong incentive to the ladies to enter upon the task of raising the remaining \$5,500 for the purchase of Washington's Headquarters. For the following seven years continued and persistent effort was made to raise the above amount. In order to take title to the property, the Association was chartered July 6, 1878, under the laws of Pennsylvania, as the "Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge," and shares of stock in the Association were sold for one dollar each.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Association provided that the officers should consist of a Regent, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a

Treasurer, and also a Board of Vice Regents, not to exceed the number of States represented in the Congress of the United States, the said Vice Regents to be selected by the presiding Regent, subject to the approval of a majority of the said Vice Regents present at any regular meeting of said Board. The Board of Vice Regents should also constitute an executive council for the transaction of all business properly brought before them under the provisions of the charter. Quarterly meetings of the Association were provided for, to be held in the Headquarters Mansion, Valley Forge, on the last Monday in June, September, December and March, and the annual meetings to be held at same place on the last Monday in June. The meetings of the executive council were held at the call of the presiding Regent whenever the interests of the Association in their judgment required the same. The two Secretaries and Treasurer were *ex officio* members of the said council.

In the by-laws of the Association it was set forth that "any citizen of the United States of America may become a member of this Association upon the payment of one dollar, which will entitle such person to a certificate of stock, and upon the payment of the further sum of fifty cents" on or before the annual meeting "shall be entitled to vote at all meetings of the Association for the ensuing year."

The Constitution and By-Laws were amenable to "amendment or alteration at any regular quarterly meeting by a majority of the members present."

Entertainments—lectures, musicales, recitals, fetes—were held at Norristown, West Chester, Valley Forge, Reading, Pottsville, Pittsburg and other places, to raise money for the purchase fund.

Several of the forms of tickets used on these occasions are hereunto annexed:

Dedication of Washington's Headquarters,
Valley Forge, Pa.,
Thursday, June 19, '79,
On the 101st Anniversary of Evacuation, by
The Valley Forge Centennial and Memorial Association.
Dinner Ticket.....Fifty Cents.

Parlor Entertainment.
Readings
By
Miss M. Fannie Boice,
In Aid of Valley Forge Asso'n,
Saturday Evening, November 1, 1879,
At the Residence of Mr. Hugh McInnes, Bridgeport.
Tickets.....35 cents.
Reading at 7.30.

Patriotic interest was stirred by observing annually the 19th day of June as Evacuation Day at Valley Forge. By personal solicitation, by correspondence, by appeals to Congress, the Regent, Mrs. Holstein, sought to arouse sufficient interest in the movement to attain the desired end. Her efforts were ably seconded by her co-workers. A period of general financial depression came on, local contributions ceased, and the appeals to the nation at large met with scant response. Half the amount had been raised, and, undaunted, the ladies carried a mortgage of \$3,000, when a happy turn came in the affairs of the Association. In response to their appeal, the Pennsyl-

vania Camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, became interested in the efforts of the Association, and in 1886 contributed over \$3000 with which to cancel the mortgage and accrued interest. This generous response secured to the nation Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge.

To the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge is due the credit of making the initial effort in securing Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge, and rescuing it from being diverted to other purposes, and from possible destruction. Their patient and persistent effort was richly rewarded by the co-operation of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

To this Association is due also the credit of arousing and sustaining interest in the history of Valley Forge, which has borne fruit in the visits of thousands every year to Valley Forge. Colonel Bean, Mrs. Holstein and their co-workers repeatedly urged that the camp ground of the Continental Army on the Valley Forge hills be secured for a National Park, and they would rejoice that the State has now done for the nation this inestimable service.

MARY BEAN JONES.



Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge, 1777-78

By Mrs. Anna Morris Holstein

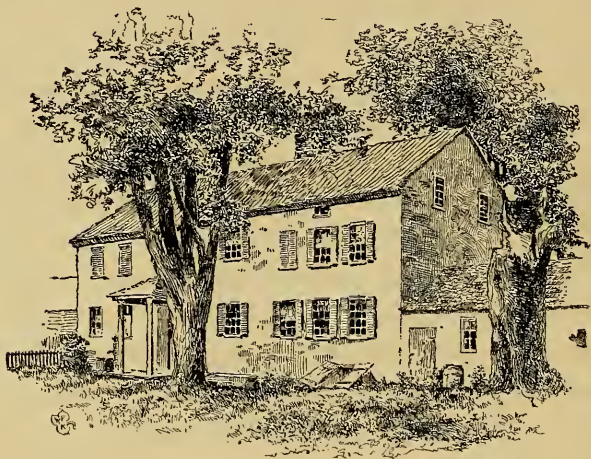
Regent of the Centennial and Memorial Association
of Valley Forge. Written in 1891



ON the 19th of December, 1777, the American Army went into position at Valley Forge. Mr. Lossing says: "On that cold, wintry journey to Valley Forge, Mrs. Washington rode behind her husband on a pillion. He was on his powerful bay charger and, accompanied by a single aide-de-camp, followed the last remnant of the army that left the encampment at Whitemarsh." General Washington occupied Valley Forge Headquarters for six months, until June 19th, 1778.

This building was erected by John Potts in 1759, and when selected by General Washington for his headquarters, was the home of the former's son, Isaac Potts, then the proprietor of the Valley Forge. They had a forge upon the creek, about half a mile above its mouth, which was first known as Mount Joy, and later as the Valley Forge. From this comes the name which is now historic. The forge was burned by the British two months before the army encamped there, and the new works erected soon after the close of the Revolutionary War were built nearer the Potts Building along the Creek, and about where the bridge now crosses the stream in the village.

The iron used at the Valley Forge was made at the Warwick furnace, in Chester county, and hauled there by teams. From 1757 the place seems to have been



GENERAL MUHLENBERG'S HEADQUARTERS
Valley Forge, 1777-78

known as "The Valley Forge," though in most legal documents of that day it retained the name of Mount Joy.

This name, tradition asserts, was bestowed on the bluff near the Schuylkill by William Penn, who, while exploring the place, lost his way on the hill south of Valley Creek, which he named Mount Misery; but when he reached the top of the opposite eminence he found out where he was, and gave to it the name of Mount Joy, to commemorate the incident. This manor Penn granted to his daughter Letitia, and until the Revolution some part of it was held by the Penns. It was upon Mount Joy that the American army was encamped.

The same year in which this house was erected, John Potts built a good grist mill upon the creek near where the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad is now located. When the new dam, as it was called, was made, it raised the water level and covered the foundation of the forge which the British had burned. Mrs. Hannah Ogden, of whom the Headquarters was purchased by this Association, stated that the grist mill was burned in 1843 by a spark from a locomotive. Her father then built a smaller one higher up, which was afterward used as a paper mill.

The Headquarters House, from cellar to attic, is in good preservation, and appears to-day almost precisely as it did when Washington was domiciled within it. The doors, with bolts and locks, are the very same his hands



HEADQUARTERS OF GENERALS STEUBEN AND DU PORTAILE
Valley Forge, 1777-78

have moved; the floors, except a portion of the one in the office-room, are those over which the great chieftain has walked in many weary hours; the window glass and sash are unchanged since the days when anxious eyes looked through them at the soldiers' huts upon the hills.

In the woods above Port Kennedy, on the river side of the road, the foundations of the huts are still plainly visible, though covered with a growth of underbrush. The shallow cellars seem to be in lines or streets, running north and south, and can be readily traced. The Northern and Eastern troops are said to have placed their log cabins much deeper in the earth than their Southern comrades, and therefore were better protected from the cold, and their mortality was less than among the soldiers whose huts were almost entirely above ground.

The place where Baron Steuben drilled the soldiers was also part of this woods.

There is but one plainly marked grave now seen upon the encampment ground; it is in a field opposite this piece of woods. A common river stone, with the initials "J. W." (John Waterman, Rhode Island) cut upon it. This grave has always been well preserved. (Some years later a granite monument was erected and this now marks the spot.—Ed.)

Not far from this locality, upon the same road, is the home of Wm. Stephens. At the time of the encampment it was occupied by his ancestor, Abijah Stephens, and was made the headquarters of General Weedon or General Varnum, and later of Baron DeKalb.

Near the orchard opposite this residence on the river side is what now appears to be a steep, cone-shaped hill. This was the "Star Redoubt," and commanded the river crossing. Across the road from this point was an orchard in Revolutionary times, and here, tradition says, many graves were made. During the generation following these events cattle and horses would frequently sink into them. The old orchard is now gone, and frequent plowing has removed all traces of graves.

The headquarters of General Muhlenberg were on Edwin Moore's farm. It was then the property of his great-grandfather, John Moore. The present residence of Mrs. Mary Jones, near the bridge over the creek, was the headquarters of General Knox, and was then owned by John Brown, who was also proprietor of Mr. Richard Peterson's (a Director) near-by place. Crossing the bridge a short distance up the stream, is the residence of Mrs. Edward Wilson. This house was General LaFayette's headquarters. Half a mile from this place, on the road leading to Centreville, is the farm and home of Miss Rebecca Davis, now, June, 1891, in her ninety-second year. She says that Generals Steuben and Du Portaille had their headquarters in this building, and that their names were beautifully carved on a door upstairs, but have now entirely disappeared. She supposes they have been planed off by some family occupying the house.

General Wayne's headquarters were on the farm owned by Wm. Henry Walker, descendant of Joseph Walker, who resided there in 1777-'78. The "Sons of the

Revolution" have recently placed a stone at the corner of a field and road leading from Centreville to Valley Forge, to mark its location. Upon it is inscribed: "600 yards east from this stone is the headquarters of Major-General Anthony Wayne." This old house, though modernized, is one of the most interesting of the group of officers'



GENERAL WAYNE'S HEADQUARTERS
Valley Forge. 1777-78

headquarters that cluster around Valley Forge. Mr. Walker's mother stated to the writer that when she came there, in her early married life, no changes had then been made. Corner chimneys were in each of the two parlors; the handsome, wide hall also had a corner chimney; and a quaint closet in the hall under the stairs, A-shaped, having solid walls each side, running back to a point, with a narrow door in front, was always styled the "Hessian Closet." It was said that prisoners were placed there

for safe-keeping. Many odd nooks and corners were all through the house. A millstone lies near the kitchen door that had done good service for the patriot soldiers when grinding grain in the little mill near the house.

Moses Coates lived above "Moore Hall." At his house Generals Gates and Mifflin and Colonels Davis and Ballard were quartered. "Besides their attendants, they had a guard of twenty-four men." Officers also had their headquarters at Jacob Pennypacker's. There were many other officers' headquarters, but these names were the nearest to General Washington's headquarters.

The outer line of earthworks extends from near the head of the dam, across the top of a ridge, along the line of the Davis property through farms that are now owned by Mr. Mullen, the Zook and Kennedy estates, down to the river. Outside of this line of earthworks, on the Zook property, in the rear of the lime quarries, "Fort Folly" was located (so called because of its position). Forts Washington and Huntingdon are on the eastern slope of Mount Joy. The road leading to the river where the army crossed passes in front of these two latter-named forts. The brown sandstone that marks what is called the "Sullivan Bridge," where the troops crossed on June 19th, 1778, stands near the river, on land formerly belonging to the Stephens' estate; freshets and high waters of many years have washed the earth over it, until the top is now level with the earth. About three or four inches in front of it is a white marble stone, which the river is rapidly covering. Upon this is inscribed: "Spencer and

Sullivan's Bridge, 1777-'78, erected by Schuylkill Boatmen in 1840." In front of these stones a piece of timber lies in the river, said to be the remains of what was known as the "Floating Bridge." A short distance below these stones a log hut is found on land belonging to Wm. Stephens. It is known as the "Slave Hut," and has stood there ever since the encampment. On the



GENERAL KNOX'S HEADQUARTERS
Valley Forge, 1777-78

19th of December, 1777, the whole number of men in the field when the encampment commenced was 11,098; and of this number 2898 were unfit for duty, by reason of destitution and illness.

During the occupancy of the Valley Forge hills by General Washington and his army, in the winter of 1777 and 1778, the Commander-in-Chief assigned General Sullivan to the building of a bridge over the Schuylkill River at this point. The bridge was completed in February, 1778. The advantage derived from its construction was important, as it at all seasons and conditions of the

stream gave the American army an uninterrupted passage and communication with the east side of the river.

The kind and character of this bridge are best expressed in General Sullivan's own language in a letter by him to the General Assembly, in 1778:

"Providence, November 20th, 1778.

"Gentlemen: As I had the honor to direct the construction of a bridge over the Schuylkill, near Valley Forge, and as I wish it to stand for the benefit of the inhabitants of Pennsylvania, I take the liberty of recommending the filling up of the piers or boxes with stones; also, a number of stone round the boxes to prevent the sand washing away round the sides. The precaution being taken, I flatter myself the bridge will stand 'til the lumber decays.

"I have the Honor to be with

"Great Respect, Gentlemen,

"Your Honor's Most Obedient and

"Respected Servant,

"Honorable Assembly of Pennsylvania.

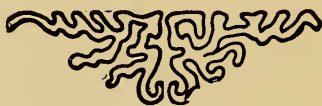
"Jno. Sullivan."

The General Assembly neglected to follow this advice and take the necessary precautions, as suggested by General Sullivan.

Nothing now remains of this old ford and bridge, but a stone has been planted on each side of the Schuylkill river to mark the site. The original marker on the left bank of the river became defaced and was replaced by a handsome granite marker, October, 1907. On the right bank of the river, close along the canal tow-path, a white marble stone marks the other terminal of the bridge, erected by money subscribed by canal boatmen. There was a period in the year when many canal boats were tied up near this point, and it

is said the boat captains conceived the idea of putting up the marker and having a day of jollification over it—which they did. This marker is still visible and in good condition. An avenue—known as Baptist road, which took its name as being the road used by the early Baptists going to Fatland ford for immersion—leads the visitor to this spot from the main road on either side of the Schuylkill river.

Sullivan's bridge was used for the last time by General Washington and his army at the time of their evacuation of Valley Forge. The whole army at this time crossed this bridge.



Centennial and Memorial Association Patriotic Order Sons of America

[Article which appeared in pamphlet published in 1901 and written by H. J. Stager.]

CELEBRATION



N June 19th, 1878, at the old historic Headquarters of Washington at Valley Forge (the Potts mansion), and on the encampment grounds near by, was celebrated the centennial anniversary of the occupancy and evacuation of this celebrated camp ground of Washington and his army. In the history of our country there is no place which appeals more directly to the patriot than does that season of six months' disheartenment and discouragement of the Continental troops. The celebration of 1878 was upon a magnificent scale and was participated in by thousands; possibly at no time in its history was there so large a concourse of people assembled on these grounds at Valley Forge as on this date. There was a splendid review of large numbers of military in the morning, and in the afternoon an oration and public speaking, with other pleasing features, made up the hours of the day.

In verse and story have the sufferings and privations of the brave Continental troops been recorded, and to every American this ground should be most hallowed. At this time, inspired by the sacred associations and feelings called up by a rehearsal of the struggles at that period of our country's history, a band of patriotic women who had been associated with a few liberal-hearted men in carrying out this great programme of celebration, were delegated with the task of deciding upon some fitting memorial to commemorate the first great event of the occupation and evacuation of the hills, forts and earthworks of Valley Forge and the close of the first century here.

ORIGIN OF THE ASSOCIATION.

It was suggested that no more fitting memorial could be designed than Washington's Headquarters, which had already stood the storms of more than one hundred years and was filled with precious memories of the great chief-tain whose home it had been during the most trying, memorable days of the Revolutionary struggle. An Association was formed, and it was unanimously resolved to purchase the Headquarters, and a committee was named to negotiate for it. Six thousand dollars was named as the sum to be paid. With the hope of making the movement more successful, it was given into the hands of the ladies, and at the same time Mrs. Anna M. Holstein was elected Regent. Mrs. Holstein is now deceased, but the great work she accomplished in behalf of Valley Forge, and her earnest patriotism exhibited in many other ways, will

make her memory dear to the hearts of all true patriots. The charter of the Mt. Vernon Association was taken as the model upon which this new Association should be framed, the court requiring such changes in it as the laws of Pennsylvania exacted. The Association started with dollar subscriptions, hoping to popularize the project and bring it within the reach of all. The Association also looked to the Masonic fraternity for substantial aid; but, as an Order, it did not respond. The charter of the lodge which was started in the Headquarters while General Washington resided there was sent to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it was said, but a short time before the Association was formed.

PATRIOTIC ORDER SONS OF AMERICA ENLISTED.

Persistent efforts were made to clear the property of encumbrance, but from the beginning, except among a few persons of patriotic impulses, very little interest was shown. The Association was regularly incorporated by the Courts of Montgomery county as "The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge," and held the title to the Washington Headquarters. The Patriotic Order Sons of America were enlisted in the movement in this way. The convention at Norristown, 1885, attracted the attention of the Association to the Order as being a patriotic one, eminently fitted for companionship in this work, and Camp 114, Pa., at Norristown, was appealed to, which Camp brought the subject to the attention of the direct representatives of the State Camp, and an official excu-

sion was made to Valley Forge during the convention days at this time. Later on, during the administration of Henry J. Stager, State President, the State Executive Committee, consisting of the State President, State Vice President J. M. Cooper, State Master of Forms J. H. Dugan, State Secretary Wm. Weand and State Treasurer I. S. Smith, held a meeting at headquarters in January, and gave its unqualified endorsement of the patriotic project for the liquidation of the debt and interest, upward of three thousand four hundred dollars, then resting upon Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge, and at once also resolved to give their fullest aid, support and official influence in the successful achievement of the same. The said meeting was attended by Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Regent, and Colonel Theo. W. Bean, of Camp 114, both of whom were zealous leaders in the movement already under way. The Executive Committee, in furtherance of this worthy enterprise, appealed to each Camp within its jurisdiction and asked the earnest and fraternal co-operation of all the members of the Order within the State and the Union. The State Executive Committee also requested that each Camp make special occasion of Washington's Birthday, February 22d, 1886, by public entertainment or otherwise, and devote the proceeds to the aforesaid purpose. The appeal was circulated January 19th, but was almost too late to accomplish much by February 22d, as first suggested; still, quite a number of Camps responded. April 13th an official letter from the State President was circulated among the Camps,

reviewing the worthy project, urging them to subscriptions and giving a list of contributors. And meanwhile each issue of the "Camp News," the official paper of the Order, edited and controlled by the State President, gave a detailed list of the subscribers to the fund and appealed by items and otherwise for a liberal response, and also at the same time published a lengthy serial, giving a complete and full history of the memorable winter encampment of 1777-1778, entitled "Footprints of the Revolution," by Colonel Theo. W. Bean, of Camp 114, Pa., which instructive and highly interesting history was in process of publication for some months in this organ of the Order. Camps and members were appealed to, to aid in the immediate accomplishment of the work. July 26th the State Executive Committee issued a last paper.

EARLIER EFFORTS

Prior to the support of the object by the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the ladies of the Association also appealed to patriotic women throughout the country, and by personal contributions, fêtes and various entertainments, several thousand dollars were collected, and the property was regularly purchased for the sum of \$6,000. The sum of \$3,000 remained upon mortgage. The purchase included about one and a half acres of ground. The ladies leased the property to a tenant, but were unable to meet the interest payments upon the mortgage and keep the property in repair. It was feared that the mortgage would have to be foreclosed and the property be

lost. Finally, then, the Patriotic Order Sons of America came to the rescue, and inside of six months \$3,370.98 was collected from among the Subordinate Camps and the membership and devoted to the extinguishment of the mortgage debt, which was effectually cleaned up in this way. No money was at this time accepted from the State Treasury of the Order, as there was no necessity for it, although the State Convention of 1886 had agreed to make up whatever deficit there might be after the individual and Camp responses, then still under way, had been made.

The first proposition held out in the matter of subscriptions by the Order was that the subscribers should become the holders of the mortgage, but later it was decided to accept stock in the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, which was done, and there is now in the State Camp a permanent Trustee Committee holding the certificate, and which committee is also a part of the Directorship of the Association. A reorganization of the Board was also made, and the faithful women who had been instrumental in the first place in collecting funds were retained in the Directorate.

The Pennsylvania State Camp of 1886, which assembled at Altoona, authorized the appointment of the Trustee Committee, consisting of thirteen members of the State Camp, which was appointed by the sitting State President by special order of the convention, as a mark of recognition of his efforts during the year, and as a special honor, that he be included as one of the committee

and as its Chairman. This committee was made up from brethren who had been active in the Valley Forge work in the Order, and to represent the various large districts in the State so far as practicable.

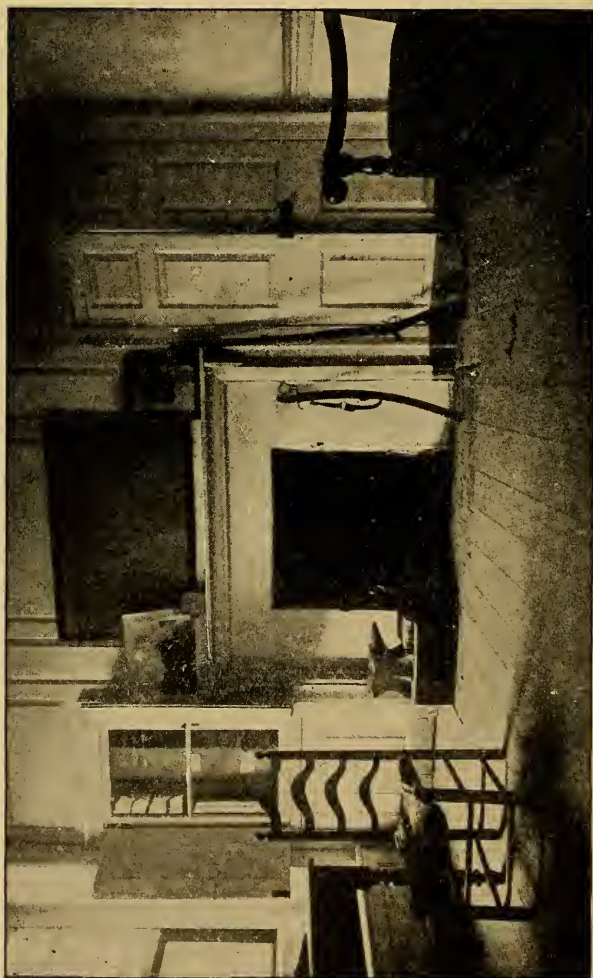
STATE AID

Later on, through the efforts of a special committee on behalf of the Association, the sum of \$5000 was secured from the State Legislature of Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania State Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, also contributed at various times the aggregate of \$1400. For these amounts several additions were made to the original holding, and in 1887 a complete rehabilitation of the Old Headquarters was made, restoring the building to practically the same condition it was in when General Washington occupied the property. A warden's lodge was also erected on the premises, and the grounds generally beautified and adorned.

OTHER PURCHASES

In 1889 the Association purchased an additional acre and a half of ground on the south end of its property, which included in the property the site of the famous Camp Spring; \$1200 was paid for the same.

Several years later the adjoining west property of two acres was acquired for \$3000, which gave to the original holding the Stone Barn, which is said to have been used as a Hospital during the Revolutionary encampment, and which makes up about five acres in the present holding.



GENERAL WASHINGTON'S OFFICE
(Room in Headquarters where the Centennial and Memorial Association of
Valley Forge held the greater number of its meetings)

Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge

An epitome of the business sessions of the Stockholders and
Board of Directors, together with a full list of
Directors as elected from year to year

August 11th, 1886. The first meeting of the Trustee Committee appointed at the Pennsylvania State Camp Convention, Patriotic Order Sons of America, also held this date at Altoona, Pennsylvania, to care for the funds raised within the Order during the past year, for the special object of completing the purchase of the Washington Headquarters at Valley Forge, under the following resolution, passed in the afternoon session :

"Resolved, that the retiring State President, H. J. Stager, appoint a board of thirteen Trustees (including himself), of which he shall be chairman, from among the delegates to this State Camp from Subordinate Camps having contributed twenty-five dollars and upwards toward the Valley Forge fund for the purpose of developing a scheme for the management and disposition of said fund,"

was held in the parlor of the Logan House this evening, the committee consisting of the following: Messrs. Richard H. Koch, John H. Hoffer, Frank L. Murphy, Richard T. S. Hallowell, Irwin S. Smith, Wesley H. Schwartz, Henry A. Klock, M. D., S. Morret Helms, James K. Helms, *J. H. Dugan, Hudson R. Fleming, Freeland G. Hobson and Henry J. Stager.

*Absent.

A committee organization was effected. H. J. Stager was named as Chairman, F. L. Murphy as Secretary, and F. G. Hobson as Treasurer. A committee was also named (Messrs. Koch, Hobson and Murphy) to prepare rules to govern the Trustees, also to secure a proposition relative to securing the title to the Valley Forge Headquarters, and then after a general interchange of views relative to the trust committed to their care and the authorization of the issuance of a circular to non-contributors to aid in the completion of the fund necessary for use, the committee adjourned to meet again at the call of the Chair.

September 30th. A reunion of members of the Order from Bucks and Montgomery counties was held at Valley Forge this date. The gathering was a pleasing one and numbered several thousand, with a few brass bands to enliven the occasion with music. A programme in harmony with the patriotic occasion was duly carried out. R. T. S. Hallowell, H. J. Stager, F. L. Murphy and F. G. Hobson were present as members of the Trustee Committee and had an informal meeting with the Lady Regent of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein. It was agreed to call a meeting of the Trustee Committee in Philadelphia, November 9th, and later in the day to adjourn therefrom and unite in joint session with the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, at 4 p. m., in Norristown, to complete the work in hand, and to take definite action upon the question of satisfying the mortgage now resting upon the Headquarters at Valley Forge.

November 9th. The Trustee Committee met in the Blue Room of the Pennsylvania State Camp building, 524 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, at this date, at 12 o'clock noon. All present except Messrs. W. H. Schwartz and J. H. Dugan.

The Chairman presented a report showing that our Valley Forge fund now aggregated \$3,370.98. (A recent reunion of Lebanon County Camps held at Mt. Gretna had netted \$458.62, which was included in the aggregate named.)



GENERAL LAFAYETTE'S HEADQUARTERS
Valley Forge, 1777-78

The Charter of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, as incorporated July 5th, 1878, was exhibited and read in detail.

The Trustee Committee then agreed that the title to the Washington Headquarters property shall remain

in the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge; that the mortgage debt of \$3,000.00 now remaining upon the property, and all arrearages of interest on the said principal, shall be paid by the Trustee Committee, and stock in said Association at rate of one dollar per share shall be accepted in full for said mortgage payment and interest, which stock shall be issued to the Trustee Committee, their successors and assigns.

Each of the said Trustees shall subscribe for one share of stock additional, thereby becoming individual Stockholders. Several of the Trustees were already Stockholders. This empowers the Trustees to act with the fullest measure of freedom and security in the premises.

It was also proposed that the aforesaid Association be so organized in its official department as to retain for the current year Mrs. Anna M. Holstein as Lady Regent, and to constitute the Chairman of the Trustee Committee as Vice-Chairman of the said Association, with power to vote all of the stock issued by said Association to said Trustees under and subject to the direction of said Trustees.

After the transaction of other incidental matters adjournment was made to reassemble at Norristown, at 4 p. m., in joint session with the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge.

November 9th. 4 p. m. The joint session, indicated in the meeting held at noon hour, the Trustee

Committee, with the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, was held in the office of Attorney F. G. Hobson in Norristown. Mrs. Anna M. Holstein officiated as Presiding Officer, and F. L. Murphy as Secretary. Messrs. Theodore W. Bean, F. G. Hobson, H. J. Stager and R. H. Koch were constituted as a committee on by-laws, which after deliberation presented the following, which were duly adopted:

1st. Name:—The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge.

2d. The Object. Set forth in the charter of said Association.

3d. Annual meetings of the Stockholders of the Association shall be held on the 19th day of June at 2 p. m., at the Headquarters in Valley Forge. A majority of the Board of Directors may direct a special call.

4th. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a Regent, two Vice Regents, a Secretary and a Treasurer to be elected annually, and shall be *ex officio* members of the Board of Directors.

5th. A Board of Directors consisting of thirteen members shall be elected annually.

6th. Seven persons shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The following officers were then duly elected:—

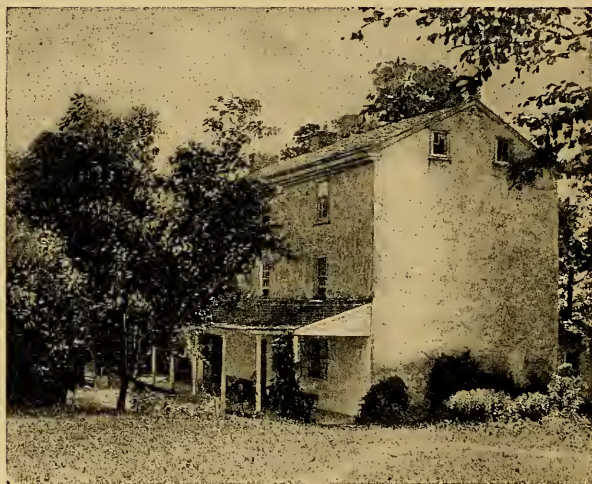
1886. *Regent*, †Mrs. Anna M. Holstein,
Vice Regents, *H. J. Stager, †Mrs. Helen C. Hooven,
Treasurer, *F. G. Hobson,
Secretary, *F. L. Murphy.
Directors, †William H. Holstein, *R. H. Koch, †Theodore W. Bean, *J. H. Hoffer, †Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *Irwin S. Smith, *W. H. Schwartz, *H. A. Klock, M. D.; *S. M. Helms, *James K. Helms, *J. H. Dugan, *H. R. Fleming.

*Represents Trustee Committee.

†Members of original Association.

All present except Messrs. Dugan and Schwartz.

It was agreed to limit the issue of new stock to one hundred shares after this date to the annual meeting in June, the stock subscribed for individually and the stock for the Trustee Committee to be issued as of this date.



HEADQUARTERS OF GENERALS VARNUM AND DeKALB
Valley Forge, 1777-78

The Trustee fund of \$3,370.98, new certificates of stock, \$11.00, added to the Association balance of \$87.40, made the sum total in the Treasurer's hands \$3,469.38. Messrs. Koch, Bean, Hobson and Murphy were appointed a committee of four to draw up a bill asking the State Legislature of Pennsylvania for an appropriation to Valley Forge Headquarters. The Regent, Treasurer and Secretary were instructed to call in all outstanding books of certificates of stock and to report at the next annual meeting.

Mrs. Anna M. Holstein and Messrs. Bean and Hobson were also appointed as a Committee to confer with the Pennsylvania Historical Society relative to the purchase of additional ground to the Headquarters property. An order for \$3,000.00 for payment of mortgage principal, and \$368.91 interest, and \$110.00 back taxes, was drawn. Colonel Theodore W. Bean was appointed Solicitor, and then the meeting adjourned to the call of the Regent.

April 29th, 1887. Special session at Valley Forge Headquarters in the forenoon. Present, Messrs. Stager (Vice Regent), Hobson (Treasurer), Murphy (Secretary), Koch, Bean, Hoffer and Hallowell.

Overtures for the purchase of additional ground in the rear of the present holding were made to Mr. Jones, owner, at \$400.00 per acre, and declined; the price asked was \$800.00 per acre. Mr. Hobson was delegated to keep the matter in view, and with power to act upon this basis.

Mr. Koch reported that the Pennsylvania State Legislature had granted an appropriation of \$5,000.00, and the amount was now in the hands of the Treasurer.

Up to date a tenant was occupying the Headquarters property, who was willing to vacate upon thirty days' notice. A committee of three to outline a plan for the improvement of the grounds and buildings was agreed upon, Messrs. Bean, Stager and Hallowell.

The improvements were limited to a cost of \$2,500.00.

A resolution asking the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company to remove the present station from the north to the south side of track was passed. No immediate attention was paid to this request, but the matter was acceded to about the year 1907, and the station so placed. Adjourned till 2.30 p. m.

At the afternoon session, Regent, Mrs. Holstein; Vice Regent, Mrs. Hooven; Mrs. McInnes and Mr. Holstein, Directors, were present in addition to those named at the morning session. Various relics secured by Mrs. Holstein (Regent): Pewter meat dish, embroidered purse, Anthony Wayne snuff box, Washington camp chest, were presented to the Relic department proposed for the Headquarters. Also silver-plated forks by Mrs. James Hooven, and two table cloths, a spinning wheel with the date cut on it 1773, and six huck towels bought by the ladies of the Association, and forty-eight bronze medals. The Treasurer reported total moneys received to date \$8,541.63, expenditures \$3,505.73, leaving the balance on hand \$5,035.90; \$3,478.91 of the amount expended being for mortgage, interest and back taxes already stated.

June 18th (Saturday). The Stockholders' meeting this year was convened this date, the 19th falling upon Sunday. The meeting was held in the Valley Forge

Headquarters as usual, in the first floor rear room used by General Washington as his office during the encampment here. Plans for the improvement of the grounds and building were considered. An architect was employed, to whom \$100.00 was paid; \$135.00 was paid for a new flag staff; 3609 votes were polled at the election of officers, 3600 of them having been voted by the Vice Regent. The officers chosen were as follows:

1887. *Regent*, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein,
Vice Regents, *H. J. Stager, Mrs. Helen C. Hooven,
Treasurer, *F. G. Hobson,
Secretary, *F. L. Murphy.
Directors, *William H. Holstein, R. H. Koch, *Theodore W. Bean, *J. H. Hoffer, Mrs. R. McInnes, R. T. S. Hallowell, *I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, H. A. Klock, M. D., *S. M. Helms, James K. Helms, *J. H. Dugan, H. R. Fleming.

The Association then adjourned to meet at the call of the Regent.

July 15th. A meeting of the Stockholders was held in Attorney Hobson's office in Norristown, this date, at 10 a. m. Directors present: Mrs. Holstein, Mrs. McInnes, Messrs. Stager, Hobson, Murphy, Koch, Bean, Hoffer, Hallowell, J. K. Helms and J. H. Dugan. A number of small bills were first considered and then the plans of the architect for renewing the building were discussed. The janitor recently employed, who was now also the tenant, was permitted to occupy the

*Present at meeting.

annex building and attic rooms of main building. In the afternoon the Auditing Committee reported, showing Treasurer's receipts total, and expenditures since reorganization November 9th, 1886:

Old Association balance	\$87.40
Certificates sold	3419.73
Headquarters' rent	48.00
Pennsylvania State appropriation	5000.00
Sale of mementos	30.51
Gate and house receipts	40.89
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Expended	3704.68
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Cash balance in hand	\$4921.85
Expended to cancel mortgage and interest, taxes and Court charges	\$3487.02
Flag pole	135.00
Repairs	51.45
Taxes, Printing, Seal, etc.....	31.21
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	\$3704.68

In the matter of improvement it was agreed that the stone annex should be torn down and a log cabin be erected in place, to accord with the original condition of the premises in Washington's time. Mr. R. T. S. Hallowell, a member of the Board and a carpenter, was entrusted with the entire work of rejuvenation, restoration and new building. \$2500.00 of funds in hand was placed in the First National Bank of Lebanon for one year at three per cent. interest, with permission of withdrawal after six months at two and a half per cent. interest. The Treasurer's bond was fixed at \$4,000.00. The Committee having charge of

the improvements were empowered to draw upon the treasury to the amount of one thousand dollars without further consideration. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Regent.

September 10th. A Directors' special meeting was held in Reading city, this date. The object was to consider the erection of a Warden's lodge. Those present were Messrs. Hobson, Holstein, Bean, Hoffer, Hallowell, Smith, Helms, S. M., Helms, J. K. The discussion of a plan for the lodge resulted in a tie vote, and adjournment was then made till September 15th, to be held at 524 North Sixth street, Philadelphia.

September 15th. An adjourned Directors' meeting was held in the Sons of America Building, 524 North Sixth Street. Present: Mr. and Mrs. Holstein, Messrs. Murphy, Bean, Hallowell, Smith, Helms, S. M., and Stager. The motion to erect a new lodge on the Headquarters property was discussed at length, and then agreed to at a cost not to exceed \$1500.00 for building. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Regent.

November 2d. A meeting of the Directors was held at Valley Forge this date, in the Headquarters. Directors present: Mrs. Holstein, Mrs. McInnes, Messrs. Murphy, Hobson, Holstein, Hallowell, Smith, Klock, Helms, S. M., and Stager. An additional \$1150.00 was voted to the Committee on Improvements. The plan

for new lodge was further discussed, and \$1100.00 was appropriated toward the cost thereof. A motion to locate the lodge in the right-hand corner of the lot facing the railroad was debated at length, and upon vote failed to pass. A motion to locate it in the left-hand corner facing the creek prevailed. \$1000.00 was ordered redrawn from the Lebanon bank.

January 18th, 1888. A special meeting of the Association was held at 2 p. m. in Norristown, in the office of Attorney Hobson. Present: Regent, Mrs. A. M. Holstein; Vice Regent, Helen C. Hooven; Treasurer, F. G. Hobson; Secretary, F. L. Murphy; and Directors Holstein, Bean, Mrs. McInnes, Hallowell, Smith, Helms, S. M. Mr. Hallowell, of the Committee on Improvements, reported the completion of repairs on the old Headquarters and that the new lodge is under roof. The estimate of entire cost of improvements and new buildings he put at \$4600.00. It was agreed to withdraw the \$1500.00 balance from the Lebanon bank for the payment of balance of bills contracted.

Peter M. Emery, of Norristown, who had made a previous application for Warden or janitorship, was elected as such at this meeting, at a salary of \$25.00 per month, beginning April 1st next, and free rent of new lodge. His duties were to look after and care for the old Headquarters, to watch its every interest, to supervise the ground and care for it in every way, and to pay due attention to visitors, to receive the registration

fees, and to pay the same over to the Treasurer at the end of each month, and such other matters as may be required of him from time to time. It was agreed that upon the final account of the cost and completion of all the improvements and additions to the old Headquarters, the new lodge and grounds, a circular showing the same be printed and copies sent to all the



LORD STIRLING'S HEADQUARTERS
Valley Forge, 1777-78

Subordinate Camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, in this State, and soliciting their continued interest and help in carrying on this patriotic work.

On motion of Mrs. McInnes the old Committee on State Appropriation, which succeeded in securing the

\$5000.00 appropriation from the State Legislature (and by the very material help of Hon. Wm. D. Heebner, a member of the House, and Samuel A. Losch, then Chief Clerk of the Legislature, and A. D. Fetterolf, an assistant clerk of that body, both of whom later on became members of this Board), Messrs. Koch, Bean, Hobson and Murphy were reappointed a Committee to draft a bill asking Congress to appropriate \$25,000.00 for the Washington Headquarters project, having in view the extension of its property line to include other historic plots of the Revolutionary Camp ground, as yet uncared for by either State or National government. At the meeting held in April following, it was reported that a bill covering the foregoing had been prepared and presented in Congress and had passed the Senate by a unanimous vote.

At the adjourned meeting held July 11th, 1889, the subject of \$25,000.00 appropriation by Congress was further urged, and the Committee revised by the appointment of Messrs. Bean, Koch and Hobson. Later a special committee of three was appointed to visit Washington in interest of the foregoing bill. Messrs. Koch, Bean and Kenney were named. (J. R. Kenney, Mayor of Reading, and at that time also State President P. O. S. of A.) At the meeting held June 19th, 1890, Messrs. Koch and Kenney gave an account of their visit, full of glowing expectations, but the efforts made were unavailing.

The Regent was instructed to issue a circular in April to the public, calling attention to the opening of

the rejuvenated Headquarters, and a Revolutionary Relic department therein, for which we solicit contributions of antique furniture and articles of the Colonial period. Adjourned to meet at the call of the Regent.

April 10th. A special meeting of the Directors was held at the Headquarters in Valley Forge at request of the Regent. Present: Mrs. Holstein, Mrs. McInnes, Messrs. Stager, Hobson, Holstein, Koch and Hallowell. A report from the Committee on Improvements was heard and acted upon. Mrs. Holstein, Mrs. McInnes and Mr. Hobson were appointed to have special supervision of the grounds.

June 18th. The regular annual meeting for Stockholders was called this date, and held in the Headquarters at Valley Forge. Various articles of furniture for deposit at Headquarters were received. Engravings and paintings tendered were also considered. The election of officers and Directors resulted as follows:

1888. *Regent*, *Mrs. Anna M. Holstein,
Vice Regents, *H. J. Stager, Helen C. Hooven,
Treasurer, F. G. Hobson,
Secretary, *F. L. Murphy,

Directors, *William H. Holstein, R. H. Koch, *T. W. Bean, J. H. Hoffer, *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *R. T. S. Hallowell, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, H. A. Klock, M. D., S. M. Helms, J. K. Helms, *J. H. Dugan, H. R. Fleming.

3608 votes were polled for each officer elected, including 3600 as proxies held by the Vice Regent in trust.

*Present at meeting.

The Treasurer reported the cash in hand during the year \$7901.55, which included the balance of \$4921.85, at beginning of year, \$2500.00 withdrawn from Lebanon bank, and balance in registration fees and other receipts at Headquarters, etc. The expenses were \$7698.29, including over \$4600.00 paid out for improvements, new buildings, etc., and \$300.00 for Warden's salary; \$2500.00 deposited, etc., leaving the balance in hand \$203.26.

November 22d. A special meeting of the Directors was held this afternoon at the office of Attorney Hobson in Norristown, in pursuance of a call issued by order of the Regent. Present, Mrs. Holstein, Messrs. Stager, Hobson, Murphy, Holstein, Hallowell and J. K. Helms. The object of the meeting was to consider the offer of a painting, "Washington and his staff at Valley Forge," made by J. G. Craig, Jr., of Philadelphia, for \$3000.00, to be made up by the sale of three hundred included etchings at \$10.00 each, the painting then to be free to the Association. The picture was said to be a good one, but the proposition was not accepted, as the Board did not see its way clear to sell the three hundred etchings at price named.

The Treasurer reported the receipt of one hundred dollars from the Pennsylvania State Camp, P. O. S. of A., as a special donation. It was agreed that the Headquarters and Lodge should be insured.

June 18th, 1889. At the hour appointed by the by-laws for the annual meeting of Stockholders of the Association the following persons were present at the Headquarters in Valley Forge: Mrs. Holstein, Mrs. McInnes, William H. Holstein and T. W. Bean. There was no quorum and it was agreed to adjourn until Thursday, July 11th, at 2 p. m.

July 11th. An adjourned meeting of Stockholders of the Association was called to order at Headquarters in Valley Forge at 2 p. m. Election of Directors was made the first order of business and resulted:

1889. *Regent*, *Mrs. Anna M. Holstein,
Vice Regents, *H. J. Stager, Helen C. Hooven,
Secretary, *R. T. S. Hallowell,
Treasurer, *F. G. Hobson,
Directors, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *William H. Holstein, *T. W. Bean, *R. H. Koch, *J. H. Hoffer, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, S. M. Helms, J. K. Helms, J. H. Dugan, H. R. Fleming, †Richard Peterson.

The Treasurer's report showed \$535.76 as receipts for the year, including balance at beginning of year; expenditures as \$475.64, and balance \$60.12.

The Vice Regent, Stager, presented an oil painting of large size (about 4x5 framed), "Washington Crossing the Delaware," on behalf of the National Camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. The painting was offered the National Camp at sale by a member from Chicago to the Washington, D. C., convention in June, 1889, and was purchased by a voluntary collection at said meeting, and then ordered to be presented to this Association.

*Members present. †New member in place of F. L. Murphy, dropped.

A Revolutionary musket from Philip C. Hess, of Philadelphia, and other relics of that period were also presented at this meeting.

At the Directors' meeting which followed that of the Stockholders, it was made known that the Headquarters buildings were insured in the Montgomery Mutual Fire Insurance Company for \$3000.00, and the Treasurer was requested to have the Lodge insured for \$1000.00 additional. This was afterward consummated for five years in the Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia.

A committee was appointed to solicit from the Pennsylvania State Camp, P. O. S. of A., an appropriation of \$300.00. This was done at the Convention held in August, and \$450.00 was granted and reported at the meeting of the Directors held in December.

A renewed effort to secure the Jones property, at rear of our present holding, was made and a special committee appointed to attend to the same. This committee reported at the meeting held March 28th, following, that the owner had now agreed to sell the adjoining strip of ground for \$1200.00. Upon this part of the ground the spring of water used by the Headquarters during the Revolutionary encampment was located. It was agreed to accept the same, mortgage to be given for funds necessary to complete the purchase.

December 19th. A special meeting of the Directors was held at Norristown on the afternoon of this date, in the office of Attorney Hobson. Present, Mrs. Holstein, Messrs. Stager, Hallowell, Hobson, Holstein and Smith. The committee to secure the Jones property reported \$1500.00 was asked for the same. They had offered \$1200.00, but it was not accepted. It was agreed to have the wood remaining from the old Headquarters, taken from the old building in making place for new improvements, and have it made up into gavels, sleeve buttons, etc., and placed on sale at the Headquarters.

March 14th, 1890. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Blue Room, Sons of America Building, Philadelphia, this date. Present: Mrs. Holstein, Mrs. McInnes, Messrs. Stager, Hallowell, Bean, Holstein and Helms, J. K.

The object of the meeting was to consider a plan proposed by Colonel Theodore W. Bean to purchase the entire encampment ground at Valley Forge, at a cost of about \$100,000.00, and unite it with our present holding. The idea in view was to raise the amount by a bond subscription of \$150,000.00 at three per cent. interest, subscriptions to be limited to the Patriotic Order Sons of America. After a long discussion it was agreed to present the subject at a future meeting when there would more likely be a full attendance than appeared at this meeting.

Other matters relating to the betterment of Headquarters' condition were presented, but there was no specific action.

It was agreed to adjourn to meet at Reading, Pa., March 28th.

March 28th. An adjourned meeting of the Board was held in the parlors of the American House, Reading, at 11 a. m. Present: Messrs. Hobson, Stager, Hallowell, Koch, Bean, Hoffer, Smith, Helms, S. M., Helms, J. K. State President, P. O. S. of A., James R. Kenney, resident of Reading, was also present by invitation. The plan to purchase the entire Revolutionary encampment ground proposed at last meeting was again taken up and considered at length, but no decisive action was taken. In the afternoon the meeting was resumed in the parlor of the "Social Union of Camp 89, Pa."

The strip of land in the rear of the present Headquarters' holding, owned by Nathan Jones, was again reported could be had for \$1,200.00, and the tender was accepted and ground purchased in due time.

The Committee on purchase of land was instructed to secure terms for the purchase of the strip also lying between the Headquarters property and the P. & R. R. property, if sale would be made.

The Secretary was instructed to present a code of by-laws for the government of the Association, to be presented for action at the next annual meeting of Stockholders.

June 19th. The annual meeting of the Stockholders was held in the Headquarters at Valley Forge at 2 p. m.

The Treasurer's report showed the receipts for the year ending this date as \$661.08, including the small balance at beginning of term, and \$450.00 received from the Pennsylvania State Camp, P. O. S. of A. The expenses in same time were \$671.73, which included the Warden's salary, \$300.00, and \$371.00 general expenses, including deposit on land purchase, taxes and repairs, made within the year. This left a deposit of \$10.55 in the treasury.



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Valley Forge, 1777-78

The new by-laws which Secretary Hallowell was instructed to present for consideration at this meeting were read and acted upon seriatim. The new by-laws were more full than those adopted at the meeting held November 9th, 1886. The old laws were incorporated in the new code. *Eighteen Directors were provided for (instead of thirteen), from whom the officers should be elected. The same officers were continued, and they were also constituted an Executive Committee who shall have direct management during interval of meetings and supervision

*Increased to twenty-one in 1895.

of Headquarters and grounds. It was provided that three members of the Board of Directors should be sufficient to authorize a call for a special meeting of the Board. A final clause showing how amendments to the by-laws could be made was also included. With these additions and more specific rules as to stock purchases, meetings, etc., all the old laws were re-enacted, and this new code remains in force up to application for dissolution. Election of eighteen Directors, under the new law, resulted:

1890. *Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, *Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, *Mrs. R. McInnes, Messrs. *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *William H. Holstein, R. H. Koch, *Theodore W. Bean, *John H. Hoffer, *I. S. Smith, *Dr. H. A. Klock, W. H. Schwartz, *S. M. Helms, J. K. Helms, *H. R. Fleming, J. H. Dugan, *Richard Peterson.

At the meeting of the Directors, held subsequently, the following officers were re-elected:

Regent, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein,
Vice Regents, H. J. Stager, Helen C. Hooven,
Secretary, R. T. S. Hallowell,
Treasurer, F. G. Hobson.

The committee on purchase of land reported the consummation of Jones' tract of ground in rear of present holding. \$100.00 cash was paid, and a mortgage of \$1,100.00 made upon all the property to pay for same.

September 18th. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in the Headquarters at Valley Forge this afternoon. Directors present: Mrs. Holstein, Messrs. Stager, Hobson, Hallowell, Holstein, Koch, Hoffer, Smith, Fleming, Dugan and Peterson.

*Present at meeting.

A committee appointed to devise a plan to raise funds, recommended the issuance of 25,000 shares of stock, at one dollar per share, which was agreed upon. A suggestion to create an advisory board, consisting of persons or associations who would contribute \$100.00 in stock who should be duly notified of all meetings, and with privilege of speech thereat, but no vote, was considered. It failed to pass. The death of the Warden, Peter M. Emery, was made known to the Board. He had died August 4th. He was a faithful and satisfactory employee. His family were continued in charge of the Headquarters until the end of the year. The new lot of ground just acquired was graded to conform with the original holding, the fence extended around it, and fifty-two trees planted, all to correspond with the main tract.

June 19th, 1891. A meeting of the Board of Directors at Headquarters in Valley Forge preceded the meeting of Stockholders, this date, to hear the report of the Executive Committee. The constitution of this committee was considered a good move, since it aided much in the simplification and efficiency of the necessary work in hand, and obviating the necessity of so many meetings of the Board of Directors. One was called during the interval of past year, while before that four and five meetings were called. The meetings of the committee were called at Headquarters at Valley Forge, each three months, quarterly.

In pursuance of the instruction of the Directors' meeting, held September 18th, an effort was made to

secure stock subscriptions within the Patriotic Order Sons of America. New certificates were prepared, new stock book opened, and explanatory circulars sent out. Two hundred and twenty-eight shares were subscribed for, all in Pennsylvania excepting eighteen shares. Rules for the guidance of the Warden were adopted. The use of the grounds for picnic purposes was permitted.

*Ellis R. Hampton was elected as Warden and began his duties April 1st. His family occupied the Lodge at that date, and he continued in this service with his family up to the time the property was assumed by the Valley Forge Park Commission, giving entire satisfaction to the Association as a competent and efficient caretaker.

The registered admissions to the old Headquarters within the year (visitors to the Mansion were taxed ten cents each to help make up a fund to care for the place) aggregated 2,714, but this does not include all who visited the grounds; that number was placed at over ten thousand.

Richard Peterson, a Director, presented a garrison flag for use on the 100-foot flag-pole.

A crane bearing date 1763 was received and placed in position in the kitchen fireplace.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders was held at 2 p. m. The Treasurer reported the receipts during the year as \$1,114.17, which included \$500.00 received from

*Ellis R. Hampton continued as caretaker of the Headquarters property under the State Park Commission until his death, May 19th, 1910.

the Pennsylvania State Camp, P. O. S. of A. The expenditures on account of new ground purchase, taxes, Warden's salary, fences, repairs and some incidentals, aggregated \$906.02, leaving the balance in hand \$208.15. After some routine business was transacted and the hearing of sub-reports, the following-named Board of Directors was elected for the new year:

1891. *Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, *Mrs. R. McInnes, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *W. H. Holstein, R. H. Koch, J. H. Hoffer, *I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, J. K. Helms, *J. H. Dugan, H. R. Fleming, *R. Peterson, †William Weand.

Three thousand six hundred and thirteen shares of stock were voted at this election.

The meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors followed and the same officers of last year were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The death of Director Colonel Theodore W. Bean was officially announced at this meeting. He was one of the original members of the Association, dating back to 1878, and an Incorporator, and to his particular efforts is greatly due the present excellent standing of the Association. He was always ready for duty, and was almost invariably present at the meetings. His loss was severely felt in the directory. During the Civil War, Colonel Bean was a member of the 17th Pennsylvania Cavalry and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel by gallant and

*Unofficial record of those present at the meeting.

†Took place of Colonel Theodore W. Bean, died January 20th, 1891.

meritorious service. He was a prominent attorney in the county of Montgomery and for several years represented it in the Pennsylvania State Legislature.

A second meeting of the Board of Directors was held at this date and place at 3 o'clock p. m. Those present were Mrs. Holstein, Mrs. McInnes, Messrs. Stager, Hobson, Hallowell, Holstein, Smith, S. M. Helms, Dugan, Peterson.

Regent Mrs. Holstein read the copy for a proposed pamphlet, descriptive of Valley Forge, and it was agreed to have one thousand copies printed, and placed on sale at Headquarters as a matter of revenue.

The placing of a stone on the west bank of the Schuylkill river to show the Washington crossing was discussed, and the Executive Committee was instructed to have the same attended to.

A seal was adopted at this meeting. It included upon its face a picture of the Headquarters, with the words below, "Chartered July 15, 1878, Penna.," and the name "Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge" in circle around outer edge.

June 20th, 1892. The Stockholders' annual meeting was held this date at 2 p. m. (Monday) in the Headquarters at Valley Forge. The Executive Committee reported to the Board that four meetings had been held by it within the year. The Headquarters and grounds were found to be in good condition and no immediate improvements were

necessary. The number of registered visitors within the year was 3,270. During the year thirteen permits were granted for picnic parties. Twenty-five stock subscriptions were reported and some few articles were presented to the Relic department, including a set of forty framed portraits from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, being a chronological portraiture of Washington, 1772 to 1798. The Treasurer reported \$665.07 as receipts for the year. One-half represented admission fees to the Mansion and the balance was derived from the sale of mementos. \$582.23 was expended, over one-half for Warden's salary, and the balance for interest upon mortgage, taxes, repairs and minor incidentals, leaving the balance in hand \$291.99. The matter of an adjoining property of about one and one-half acres, together with a residence and stone barn, the latter said to have been erected before the days of the Revolution, and used as a hospital by the Continental Army during the memorable winter encampment here, was introduced at this meeting. This property, known as the Crawford property, was presented to the notice of the Association by Vice Regent Stager as being in the market for sale. A recess was taken to examine the property, and thereafter the Vice Regent was duly authorized to secure the terms of sale from Lieutenant Crawford, the owner of the property. The election of Directors resulted:

1892. *Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, *Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *William H. Holstein, R. H. Koch, J. H. Hoffer, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, J. K. Helms, J. H. Dugan, H. R. Fleming, Richard Peterson, *William Weand.

*Present at meeting.

A motion was passed at this meeting that the Directors be notified that failure to attend the meetings for two consecutive years would be considered equivalent to a withdrawal.

At the meeting of the Directors held at a later hour, after that of the Stockholders, the same officers as elected at the last annual meeting were re-elected for the new year.

November 26th. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was called at this date at the office of Treasurer Hobson, in Norristown. Present: Mrs. Holstein, Mrs. McInnes, Messrs. Hobson, Hallowell, Holstein, Koch and S. M. Helms. The object of this meeting was to consider the purchase of a forty-acre tract of land, adjoining the present holding. The Treasurer was authorized to make an offer of \$6,000.00 for the same, also \$800.00 limit for an eight-acre plot, including a stone barn. It was agreed also to memorialize the Pennsylvania State Legislature for an appropriation of \$10,000.00, and a committee was appointed to look after the same. Messrs. Koch, Hobson and S. M. Helms were named.

June 19th, 1893. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Association was held this date in the Headquarters at Valley Forge. The Treasurer's accounts showed receipts as \$1,751.63, which included \$700.00 as loan, and balance represented Headquarters receipts within the year.

The expenditures were \$1,731.59, and this also included property purchase account, \$1,030.45; the balance of expenses being for Warden's salary, large lots of supplies, kept on hand for sale, leaving the cash balance in hand, together with that at beginning of year, \$312.03. The annual election of Board of Directors resulted:

1893. Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, *Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *W. H. Holstein, R. H. Koch, J. H. Hoffer, *I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, *Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, †J. K. Helms, J. H. Dugan, H. R. Fleming, Richard Peterson, *William Weand.

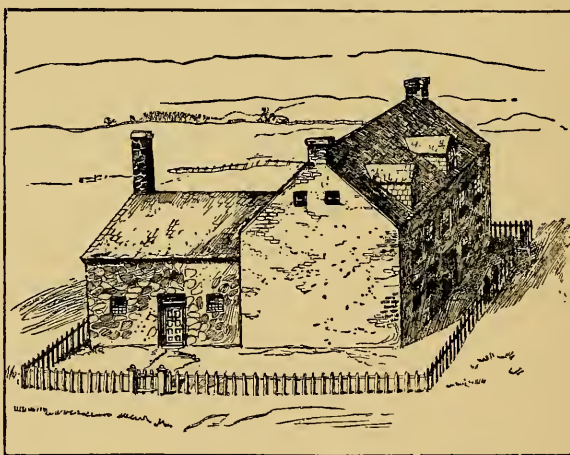
Director J. K. Helms later on in the meeting tendered his resignation as a member of the Board, having served continuously with it since April, 1886. He also asked that Hon. Samuel A. Losch be elected in his stead. The resignation was accepted, and the Stockholders tendered the retiring member a vote of thanks for the very satisfactory manner in which he had attended to all the duties of the office that came upon him. He was thoroughly interested with the work in hand, and was always ready to do his best on all occasions. The Board greatly regretted the loss of this active member, but the retiring Director was then in extremely ill health, and died within five weeks thereafter, July 23d, 1893. Director Helms was a gallant soldier during the Civil War; enlisting as a private, he arose to the rank of Captain for meritorious service. He was wounded at the battle of Petersburg, from which he suf-

*Members present at meeting.

†Resigned and permitted to name his successor, Samuel A. Losch, who was duly elected in place.

ferred for the balance of his life. He stood high in the ranks of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and had served as Pennsylvania State President and as National President.

The Executive Committee had reported at a meeting of the Board of Directors held prior to the hour of Stockholders' meeting. Four quarterly meetings were held. The registered visitors at Headquarters during the year were 4,329. Ten picnic parties were permitted the use of the



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grounds. A visiting Post of the Grand Army of the Republic from Marblehead, Mass., were granted free admission to the Headquarters.

A meeting of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Sons of the Revolution was held at Headquarters, October 17th.

Full settlement was made for the lot of ground purchased one year ago, estate of Nathan Jones, deceased. This was done by effecting a loan of \$700.00, which loan represents the entire debt of the Association at the present date. No stock had been sold during the past year and very little from this date on.

Director Mrs. McInnes had charge of the designing of a special Valley Forge souvenir spoon, which was placed upon sale in the Headquarters, and appeared to be much appreciated by visitors.

The most important addition to the relics made within the year was a large cannon received from the Navy Department, aided by the efforts of Congressman Edwin Hallowell.

A meeting of the Board of Directors followed that of the Stockholders, and all the Directors present thereat were also present at this meeting, and the same officers as of record for last year were again re-elected for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Legislative Appropriation reported that a bill had been passed by the Legislature appropriating \$5,000.00 to this Association, but as yet had not been finally approved by the Governor. Later on the bill was vetoed by Governor Robert E. Pattison.

A further report was made upon the Crawford tract offered for sale at the meeting held June 20th, 1892, and reported at previous meeting, and the Executive Commit-

tee was duly empowered to accept and consummate purchase of same upon favorable terms.

The same committee was also instructed to notify the new State Park Commission that they were privileged to use the Headquarters for meeting purposes whenever necessary. This new Valley Forge Park Commission was just constituted by act of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, May 30th, 1893.

In November of this year one hundred new shade trees were added to the Headquarters ground at a cost of \$75.00. The proposition to supply these trees was left to various dealers in the culture, and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder.

June 19th, 1894. A meeting of the Board of Directors preceded the annual meeting of the Stockholders at Headquarters in Valley Forge, of this date, at which the report of the Executive Committee was presented. It referred to the fact that one hundred new trees, as directed at last annual meeting, were planted within the past year upon the rear lawn. Five picnic permits were issued within the year. The registered visitors were 4,457.

Pursuant to instruction, the purchase of adjoining side property, known as the Crawford property, including a stone house and stone barn, was consummated for \$3,000.00, but owing to some delays the deed was not recorded until June 6th, 1894.

Two meetings of the Executive Committee were held at Headquarters in Valley Forge, and one in Philadelphia.

Among the articles presented within the year to the Relic department was a cannon ball found in the Valley Forge intrenchments by Mr. George W. Pauling. Also a fac-simile of the Declaration of Independence, presented by the Department of State, Washington, at the suggestion of F. D. Stone, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Also from the same Department, "Diplomatic Correspondence of the American Revolution," six volumes; "Bulletin of the Bureau of Rolls and Library," two volumes.

The Stockholders' meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. The Treasurer reported \$3,033.10, which included balance at beginning of term, and \$1,900.00 loan, the remainder representing the Headquarters' receipts as over \$800.00. The expenses were \$2,898.84, of which \$2,100.00 were credited to property purchase, \$300.00 to Warden's salary, and balance to purchase of supplies, taxes and insurance; balance in Treasury, \$134.26.

A proposition to increase the number of Directors to twenty-five was brought forward, but action was postponed until the next annual meeting.

The annual election for Directors resulted as follows :

1894. Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *W. H. Holstein, R. H. Koch, John H. Hoffer, *I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, H. R. Fleming, *William Weand, S. A. Losch, †James H. Wolfe, †Fred Bertollette.

*Members present at meetings of this date.

†New members, in place of Richard Peterson, died December 12th, 1893; J. H. Dugan, withdrawn.

3428 shares of stock were represented in the vote cast.

Director Richard Peterson died December 12th, 1893. He was an earnest, patriotic citizen, ever anxious for the best interest of the Nation. He was chosen as a Director of this Association in 1889, and was faithful in his service. He was National President of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, 1883-1885.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held at a later hour, the officers elected for ensuing year were the same as last year by re-election. At this meeting the subject of the new Park Commission recently created by the State for the purchase of the Valley Forge camp ground and its improvement as a public park was considered. It was stated that an object of the Commissioners was the annexing of the Headquarters property to their control. This the Board of Directors prepared to dispute. They resolved to maintain the control of the Headquarters and to resist the Park Commission from securing any legislation by the State looking to the condemnation of the same. Messrs. Hobson, Koch, Wolfe, Bertolette and Losch were appointed a committee to petition the State Legislature for a special appropriation of \$5,000.00.

June 19th, 1895. The meeting of the Board of Directors preceded the meeting of the Stockholders at the Headquarters in Valley Forge, this date, when the fifth

annual report of the Executive Committee was presented. Two meetings of said committee were held at these Headquarters and two at Norristown within the year. The record of registered visitors during the year was 4,778. Additional articles were presented to the Relic department, including a single bedstead formerly the property of Mr. Charles Thompson, first Secretary of the Continental Congress, by Mr. David Kenzie. Chinaware with picture of Headquarters thereon was placed on sale with the Warden.

The Crawford residence was rented to a tenant at \$8.00 per month. The present indebtedness of the Association consists of a mortgage upon the Crawford tract of \$2,000.00, and a judgment note held by the Norristown Trust Company of \$1,500.00. All other debts of the Association are paid.

The Stockholders held their annual meeting at 2 p. m. The Treasurer's report presented: Balance of previous year, \$134.26; Headquarters and rent receipts, \$902.46; total, \$1,036.72. Expended for Warden's salary, supplies, purchases, interests, taxes and repairs, \$880.35, leaving the balance in treasury, \$156.37.

The rule adopted in 1892 in regard to absence of Directors for two consecutive meetings as being equivalent to withdrawal, was rescinded.

A proposition to increase the number of Directors introduced at a previous meeting was taken up. Twenty-five was not favorably received, but it was agreed to make the number twenty-one, including the officers.

3387 shares of stock were voted at the election and the following new Board was chosen:

1895. *Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, *Mrs. R. McInnes, *H. J. Stager, F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, R. H. Koch, J. H. Hoffer, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, *Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, *H. R. Fleming, *William Weand, *S. A. Losch, *J. H. Wolfe, *Fred Bertollette, †C. F. Huth, †F. P. Spiese, †Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, †W. G. Rhule.

Director William H. Holstein died August 9th, 1894. He was one of the Incorporators of this Association; he was a soldier and served a brief enlistment during the Civil War. He was the husband of the Regent and was most highly esteemed by his associates for his many excellent qualities as a good citizen and patriot.

A portrait of Dr. Bodo Otto, a surgeon of the Revolutionary Army from 1775 to the close of the war, was presented to the Association by Mr. C. W. Otto, a descendant, and hung upon the wall of the main room.

The newly elected Board of Directors, at a meeting held after the Stockholders' meeting, re-elected the same officers and Executive Committee as of last and previous years.

June 19th, 1896. At the meeting of the Board of Directors, held in the Headquarters at Valley Forge, this date, the sixth annual report of the Executive Committee was received. During the year three meetings were held

*Those present. †New elections. Board increased from eighteen to twenty-one.

at the Headquarters. At the re-election of the Warden it was agreed to allow him five per cent. on sales of souvenirs made at Headquarters, in addition to his monthly salary.

The number of registered visitors during the year was 5,731. Nine permits were given for the use of the grounds for picnic purposes.

During a storm early in the spring the upper section of the flag-pole, together with the cross-trees, was blown down, necessitating the putting up of a new pole, etc. Necessary repairs were also made to the Crawford property, which was leased to a new party at \$9.00 per month. Additional articles were added to the list of relics, including paper currency, bullets, bedstead and fireplace utensils.

\$200.00 was paid within the year on account of the note due Norristown Trust Company, leaving balance of \$1,300.00.

The annual Stockholders' meeting took place at 2 p. m.

The Treasurer reported \$1,279.47 as the receipts for the year, after deducting the balance left over from last year, \$156.37. The expenditures were \$1,442.09, and included nearly \$400.00 to Warden, about \$300.00 interest and note payments, and balance purchase of supplies and other incidentals, leaving a balance due the Treasurer at the end of term of \$6.25.

The election of Directors for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

1896. *Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *R. H. Koch, *J. H. Hoffer, *I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, H. R. Fleming, *William Weand, S. A. Losch, *James H. Wolfe, *Fred Bertollette, *F. P. Spiese, †Mrs. Charlotte Pendleton, †A. D. Fetterolf.

At the later meeting of the Board of Directors the same officers and Executive Committee as of last year were again re-elected without objection.

Reference was made at this meeting to a Peale diary kept during the encampment at Valley Forge, and it was suggested that the same should be printed if found of value. A committee of five, consisting of Messrs. Koch, Bertollette, Spiese, Helms and Losch, was appointed to memorialize the State Legislature for an appropriation of \$10,000.00.

June 19th, 1897. As usual, the annual meeting of the Stockholders was preceded by the meeting of the Board of Directors at this date, in the Headquarters mansion in Valley Forge, at which the report of the Executive Committee was presented, as its seventh annual report.

The total number of registered visitors at Headquarters during the year was 6347. During the same time three permits were granted for the use of the grounds by picnic parties.

*Present at meeting. C. F. Huth and William G. Rhule, elected last year, failed to qualify, and were therefore not renominated.

†New members.

Soon after the annual Stockholders' meeting in 1896 the remaining part of the flag-pole at Headquarters was blown down during a storm, having rotted off under the surface of the ground. At the session of the State Camp of Pennsylvania, P. O. S. of A., to whom the matter had been presented, in the annual Trustee Committee report made each year of the progress of affairs at Valley Forge Headquarters, that body very generously voted an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars to erect a new flag-pole, which was consummated at a cost of \$225.82.

The party who last year had leased the Crawford property threw up the same, and a new tenant had been secured for the summer at \$10.00 per month. Three hundred dollars was paid within the year on the judgment note held by the Norristown Trust Company, and this leaves the present indebtedness of \$1000.00 upon note, and \$2000.00 mortgage, or a total of \$3000.00.

A few more relics were presented to the Headquarters within the year. The Legislative Committee reported that no effort had been made to secure an appropriation, as the time was not considered opportune. A committee to petition Montgomery county for exoneration from taxes on the Headquarters property was appointed, but no such exemption was secured.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders occurred at 2 p. m., and with the exception of reading the minutes of the last meeting, and the hearing of the Directors' report, and the Treasurer's usual financial exhibit, there

was no business transacted except the election of Directors. The Treasurer reported receipts of \$1447.62 for the year, including \$250.00 appropriation by the State Camp of Pennsylvania, P. O. S. of A., and \$1542.82 expended, which included a payment of \$398.00 note, interest and taxes, \$350.00 or over to the Warden, and balance was expended for the purchase of souvenir supplies, and repairs, leaving the treasury in debt \$95.20.

The election of Directors resulted :

1897. *Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, R. H. Koch, *I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, *Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, *H. R. Fleming, *William Weand, *S. A. Losch, *J. H. Wolfe, Fred Bertollette, *F. P. Spiese, A. D. Fetterolf, †Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, †F. E. Stees, †Mrs. Amanda K. Mathews.

Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, late Vice Regent, died January 11th, 1897. She was one of the Incorporators of this Association, and for many years rendered valuable services in behalf of Valley Forge work. She was highly esteemed for her many virtues and for her zeal in patriotic work.

A meeting of the Board of Directors which followed that of the Stockholders, in the election of officers, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes was elected as a Vice Regent to take the place of Mrs. Helen C. Hooven, deceased, and also as a member of the Executive Committee, otherwise the Board of Officers as elected June 19th, 1890, remained the same.

*Directors present at meetings of this date.

†New Directors, to take place of J. H. Hoffer and Mrs. Charlotte Pendleton, dropped.

June 20th, 1898. (Monday.) The annual meeting of the Stockholders was held in the Headquarters this date. Contrary to usual precedent, the meeting of the Stockholders was held first, and at which nearly all the Directors were present as usual, the Officers and Executive Committee made their reports hereat, as appears by the records of the Secretary.

The Treasurer's reports show as receipts for year \$1256.19, being Headquarters souvenir sales, registry fees and rentals. The expenses were \$1165.06 for interest, taxes, repairs, souvenir supplies, \$100.00 note payment and Warden's salary and commission, leaving the balance in the treasury \$91.13.

The report of the Executive Committee showed the admissions for the year 6597. Six permits were granted for use of grounds for picnic purposes. One hundred dollars had been paid upon the outstanding note, which reduces the indebtedness at this date to \$2900.00.

On Flag Day, June 14th, a flag was presented to this Association by the Montgomery County Camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the same was raised with appropriate ceremonies upon the lawn pole.

The annual election for Directors resulted:

1898. *Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Mrs. Amanda K. Mathews, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, S. M. Helms, H. R. Fleming, *William Weand, *Samuel A. Losch, *James H. Wolfe, *Fred Bertollette, *F. P. Spiese, *A. D. Fetterolf, *Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, *F. E. Stees.

*Present at meeting. Unofficial record.

The Treasurer reported that the owner of the Crawford property mortgage desired its payment, and it was ordered to be paid off with a new mortgage effected with another party.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held after that of the Stockholders, the following officers were elected :

Regent, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein,
Vice Regents, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, H. J. Stager,
Secretary, R. T. S. Hallowell,
Treasurer, F. G. Hobson,
Executive Committee, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Mrs.
Rebecca McInnes, Mrs. Amanda K. Mathews, F. G. Hobson,
R. T. S. Hallowell.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Governors of the thirteen original States, asking them each to contribute a tree to represent the State, the trees to be planted in a circle in the Headquarters grounds on Arbor Day.

As on several occasions in the past years, a generous luncheon had been provided on the lawn, at each meeting of the Stockholders, by the Valley Forge Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, and to which the Directors were cordially invited and had partaken, a vote of thanks was again extended for this marked kindness and courtesy.

June 19th, 1899. At this date of the annual meeting of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, the Board of Directors' meeting preceded that of the Stockholders.

The Treasurer's reports for the year showed the actual receipts to be \$1190.38, made up from souvenir sales, registry fees, and rentals. The expenses were \$996.10 for interest, taxes, repairs, souvenir supplies, and \$100.00 note payment and Warden's salary, leaving the balance in the treasury at this date \$194.28. The Treasurer's figures for the year showed the receipt of \$2000.00 upon a new mortgage made, and \$2000.00 expended upon payment of old mortgage, which was ordered paid off at the last annual meeting.

A model schoolhouse, used on a float in the Peace Jubilee Parade of 1898 by the Patriotic Order Sons of America, in the great Philadelphia street parade, was presented to the Association. The house, of fair dimensions, 10x12, with yard allowance extra, was brought subsequently to the Headquarters, and re-erected in the rear of the Warden's House, and remained here up to about 1905, when it was torn down.

The Stockholders' meeting took place at 2 p. m., and the following Directors were formally re-elected:

1899. †Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, †Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Mrs. Amanda K. Mathews, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *R. H. Koch, *I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, *Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, *H. R. Fleming, *William Weand, †S. A. Losch, James H. Wolfe, *Fred Bertollette, *F. P. Spiese, *A. D. Fetterolf, *Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, *F. E. Stees.

*Present at meetings this date.

†Absent by reason of illness.

At the Director's meeting thereafter the following officers were elected:

Regent, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein,
Vice Regents, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, H. J. Stager,
Secretary, R. T. S. Hollowell,
Treasurer, F. G. Hobson,
Executive Committee, Mrs. A. M. Holstein, Mrs. R. McInnes, F. G. Hobson, H. J. Stager and R. T. S. Hollowell.

June 19th, 1900. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Association took place at the Headquarters in Valley Forge, at 2 o'clock p. m. The report of the Treasurer showed the receipts, exclusive of balance at end of last year, as \$1393.81, souvenir sales, registry fees and rental. The expenses, \$1481.90, items thereof about same as heretofore and including \$600.00 payment on note, leaving cash balance in the Treasury of \$106.19.

The election for Directors was then formally made, and as usual there was no opposition to any one. This was the case all along from date of organization in 1887 up to 1908, at which time the Stockholders' meeting failed to make new elections to supply further vacancies created by death of officials:

1900. Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, *Mrs. Isaac W. Smith, H. J. Stager, F. G. Hobson, R. T. S. Hollowell, R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, S. M. Helms, H. R. Fleming, William Weand, Samuel A. Losch, James H. Wolfe, Fred Bertollette, F. P. Spiese, A. D. Fetterolf, Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, F. E. Stees.

*New member, in place of Director Mrs. A. K. Mathews, dropped
No record of attendance at this 1900 meeting, but minutes infer presence of Mrs. McInnes, Mrs. Jones, Messrs. Smith, Wolfe, Spiese, Schwartz, Schwenk, Weand, Helms, Hobson, Hollowell and Stager.

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held at a later hour, and then the following officers were elected :

Regent, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein,
Vice Regents, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, H. J. Stager,
Secretary, R. T. S. Hallowell,
Treasurer, F. G. Hobson,

Executive Committee, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Mrs. R. McInnes, F. G. Hobson, H. J. Stager and R. T. S. Hallowell.



VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER, D. A. R.
Room in Washington's Headquarters

A written report was presented by the Executive Committee which referred to the routine duties of the year, and set forth that the mansion grounds and adjoining holdings were all in good shape and condition as heretofore.

Valley Forge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, asked permission to furnish one of the second-story rooms of the Headquarters building with Colonial furniture, and to be under their care. It was granted.

References were made to the apparent indications prevailing among the officials of this State, and particularly at the State Capitol, that the work of the Centennial and Memorial Association, and of the Patriotic Order Sons of America aid in preserving the old Headquarters Mansion was not properly accredited. Remarks were exchanged upon the subject, and the views of the Directors were in accord, and the Executive Committee was authorized to prepare a historical sketch, setting forth the facts attending the care of the Headquarters, which should be published. This the Committee attended to. A number were distributed free, and others placed upon sale at the Headquarters. It was presented to the Directors that several Revolutionary cannon were buried at Warwick Furnace, and a committee of three, Messrs. Weand, Smith and Helms, were appointed to look into the matter, but there is no record of final report, except at several later meetings as "progress."

June 19th, 1901. The annual meeting of the Stockholders was held at the Headquarters in Valley Forge, at this date, at 2 p. m.

The Treasurer reported \$1492.35 receipts for the year, made up from sales of souvenirs, registry fees,

rentals, and \$100.00 received from the Pennsylvania State Camp, P. O. S. of A. The expenses in the same time were \$1598.54, which included about \$400.00 for repairs, \$200.00 in returned loan, and balance made up in purchase of souvenir supplies, Warden's salary, taxes and interest, leaving the balance in hand \$25.52.

The Executive Committee reported the registry admissions at Headquarters at 7287 last year. The election for Board of Directors resulted as follows:

1901. Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Mrs. I. W. Smith, †Mrs. Mary K. Preston, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, *W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, S. M. Helms, *H. R. Fleming, William Weand, *James H. Wolfe, F. Bertollette, *F. P. Spiese, A. D. Fetterolf, *Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, F. E. Stees, †J. M. Stauffer.

All the Directors-elect had received votes representing 3670 shares of stock. Five votes were also recorded for Mr. J. H. Hughes, Philadelphia, as Director.

The deaths of the Regent, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, and of Director Samuel A. Losch were officially announced at this meeting, and, as in the case of deaths occurring heretofore in the Board, Committees on Obituary were appointed, who presented appropriate memorials setting forth the services so zealously, efficiently and

*No official record of full roll call, but these names appear in the minutes, and are therefore marked present.

†New Directors elected. Death of the Regent, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, December 31st, 1900, and also of Director S. A. Losch, September 11th, 1900.

patriotically rendered in the work, and this tribute was ordered to be spread upon the record, and copies printed upon satin to be sent to the nearest relatives.

In the record of the Regent, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, wife of Director William H. Holstein, deceased, it was stated that her whole life was devoted to patriotic work and to the cause of humanity, and to her long continued and indefatigable efforts was due, in very large measure, the formation of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, and she was Regent thereof from the date of its organization up to the date of her death.

Director Samuel A. Losch served throughout the Civil War in the Fiftieth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was commissioned for meritorious services in the field. He served as a member of both Houses of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, as Chief Clerk of the State Department under Governors Hartranft and Hoyt, and as Secretary of the 'Territory of New Mexico' from 1884 to 1885.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held after that of the Stockholders the following officers were elected:

Regent, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes,
Vice Regents, H. J. Stager, Mrs. Mary Bean Jones,
Secretary, R. T. S. Hallowell,
Treasurer, F. G. Hobson,
Executive Committee, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, H. J. Stager, F. G. Hobson, R. T. S. Hallowell.

A vote of thanks was extended to Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, Director, for donation of Colonial bedstead, antique clock, candlestick, watch, spectacles and snuffers. Also to Valley Forge Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, for furnishing an upper room in the Headquarters mansion.

June 19th, 1902. The annual meeting of the Stockholders, this date, was called to order at 2 p. m. at the Headquarters in Valley Forge.

The Treasurer's report was heard and presented the receipts for the year as \$1590.95, including a loan of \$200.00, otherwise the items of receipts were composed of registry fees, souvenir sales, and rental. The expenses were \$1590.38, and included the repayment of \$400.00 loan, and otherwise the disbursements were about the same as previous years, leaving the balance in the treasury \$26.09.

The election for Directors resulted:

1902. *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, *Mrs. I. W. Smith, *Mrs. M. K. Preston, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, *W. H. Schwartz, *S. M. Helms, Dr. H. A. Klock, H. R. Fleming, *William Weand, *J. H. Wolfe, *F. Bertollette, *F. P. Spiese, *A. D. Fetterolf, *Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, *F. E. Stees, *J. M. Stauffer.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors at a later hour the same officers as of last year were re-elected for the new year term.

The report of the Executive Committee presented that the number of registered visitors last year was 7519.

*Those present at meetings of this date.

A number of interesting relics were loaned to the Association by Mr. Alvin J. Shaw and placed upon exhibition in the building.

Chester County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, made application for an upper room in the Headquarters, to be fitted up the same as that now in use by the Valley Forge Chapter. After some discussion the petition was granted, although there were several dissenting votes among the Directors.

It was agreed that a suitable gold badge should be provided for each Director to designate his or her standing in the Association, and a Committee was appointed to carry out the order.

June 19th, 1903. At this date a meeting of the Board of Directors preceded the annual meeting of the Stockholders, at the Headquarters Building, in Valley Forge, when the report of the Executive Committee was heard. The registered visitors during the year were 8578.

A room on the second floor of the Building was assigned to the use of the Chester County Chapter, D. A. R., and was now occupied.

Other matters relative to repainting of the Building, done within the year, and other improvement of the property were referred to and passed upon. The badge committee reported progress and was continued.

A request was received from Merion Chapter, D. A. R., for permission to furnish one of the attic rooms in the Headquarters, similar to that of the Valley Forge

Chapter and Chester County Chapter, both on the second floor. There was some objection to further occupancy of the Building, and a spirited discussion ensued, but the privilege was granted by a vote of eight in favor to five opposed.

It was ordered that a copy of the Mrs. Anna Morris Holstein obituary resolutions, printed on satin, should be properly framed and hung in the Headquarters.

A razor said to be guaranteed to have been used by General Washington was offered for sale to the Association, but upon vote it was declined.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders was called to order at 2 p. m.

The Treasurer's report for the year was: Receipts at Headquarters, \$1734.70, being considerable of an increase over past years, and the expenditures \$1331.36, for the usual items of supplies, Warden's salary, interest and taxes, leaving the balance in hand \$429 43.

The Directors elected were:

1903. *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Mrs. I. W. Smith, *Mrs. Mary K. Preston, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, H. R. Fleming, *William Weand, *James H. Wolfe, *Fred Bertollette, F. P. Spiese, *A. D. Fetterolf, *Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, *F. E. Stees, *J. M. Stauffer.

At the subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, also held this date, the same officers as of record last year

*Those present at meetings of this date.

were re-elected for the new year term. A proposition to increase the Board of Directors from twenty-one to twenty-five was entered upon the record.

June 18th, 1904. A meeting of the Board of Directors preceded the annual meeting of the Stockholders at the Headquarters in Valley Forge this date.

The report of the Executive Committee presented that there were 11,825 registered visitors at the Headquarters during the year, an increase of over three thousand of previous year. Other routine matters connected with the Headquarters were also shown in equally favorable light.

The attic room granted to the use of Merion Chapter, D. A. R., was represented as partly furnished and would soon be complete.

The Secretary presented that the obituary resolutions, pertaining to the decease of Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, late Regent, were framed and hung upon the office walls of this building, as ordered.

The meeting of the Stockholders was called to order at 2 p. m.

The Treasurer reported the receipts of the year \$2984.96 (exclusive of balance \$429.43 at end of last year), but \$700.00 thereof was a loan. The various items of revenue show increase over past years. The expenses were \$3358.12, and showed the usual items in disbursements, with slight increase; Warden, \$406.51

salary and commissions, and \$2000.00 used to remove the mortgage obligation, and for which the loan of \$700.00 referred to in receipts of the year was made necessary. The cash balance in treasury at the end of year was \$56.27.

The amendment proposed at the last meeting to the by-laws to increase the number of Directors from twenty-one to twenty-five was rejected by a unanimous vote.

The Directors elected for the ensuing year:

1904. *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, *Mrs. Mary K. Preston, †Mrs. Philander C. Knox, H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, R. H. Koch, *I. S. Smith, *W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, *H. R. Fleming, *William Weand, James H. Wolfe, Fred Bertollette, *F. P. Spiese, *A. D. Fetterolf, Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, *F. E. Stees, *J. M. Stauffer.

The Directors' meeting, which was held after that of the Stockholders, elected the same officials as of record in previous year.

A motion was made at this meeting that hereafter the actual and necessary expenses of the members of this Board in attending the annual meetings shall be paid from funds of the Association, but after considerable discussion the motion was lost. Up to this date about forty meetings had been called, regular and special, with an average expense to each member of one to fifteen dollars, or an approximate or aggregate expenditure for railroad travel of not less than \$2500.00, yet

*Present at meeting.

†New member. Mrs. I. W. Smith dropped. Absence of both Vice Regents was duly explained as illness.

not one penny of the funds of the Association had been used in this way.

A cannon ball from the Germantown battlefield was presented to the Relic department by Philip C. Hess, now deceased.

June 19th, 1905. A meeting of the Board of Directors preceded the annual meeting of the Stockholders this date, in the Headquarters at Valley Forge.

The Executive Committee presented the annual report, showing the registered admissions at Headquarters within the year as 12,187.

The Committee on Badge reported the completion of the same, and the distribution thereof to each one entitled. The design of the badge is a gold shield, United States regulation pattern, measuring one and one-eighth inch in width by one and one-half inch in longest part, with one-quarter inch blue enamel band, containing thirteen stars in embossed gold, edging the large shield; one-half of inner portion of shield being a raised centre shield with picture of Headquarters in relief, the name "Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge" also embossed at top; the whole pendent with tricolor ribbon to gold bar with name "Washington Headquarters" embossed thereon. On the back of the shield appear the name of the holder and name of office held. The cost of badge was \$12.50 each. Those who received the badge are:

Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Regent; Henry J. Stager, First Vice Regent; Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Second Vice Regent; Freeland G. Hobson, Treasurer; Richard T. S. Hallowell, Secretary; Mrs. Mary K. Preston, Director; Richard H. Koch, Director; Irwin S. Smith, Director; W. H. Schwartz, Director; Dr. H. A. Klock, Director; Samuel M. Helms, Director; Hudson R. Fleming, Director; William Weand, Director; James H. Wolfe, Director; Fred Bertolette, Director; Frank P. Spiese, Director; A. D. Fetterolf, Director; Dr. Peter N. K. Schwenk, Director; J. Milton Stauffer, Director; Abraham S. Brendle, Director; J. H. Dugan.

Also to deceased members' representatives:

Col. Theodore W. Bean, Director; Capt. James K. Helms, Director; Major Samuel A. Losch, Director; Frederick E. Stees, Director.

Later on badges were also furnished to Directors Miss Mary McInnes and J. Harry Hughes, upon their addition to the Board in 1906.

At 2 p. m. the meeting of the Stockholders was called to order. The Treasurer presented receipts at Headquarters in usual items increased in aggregate to \$2329.33, and the expenses \$2345.64, which included the repayment of note and interest \$417.21, over \$600.00 for repairs, over \$400.00 to Warden for services, and balance in purchase of souvenir supplies, members' badges, and incidentals, and this left the balance in the treasury \$39.96.

Election of Directors at this meeting resulted:

1905. *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, *Mrs. Mary K. Preston, Mrs. Philander C. Knox, *H. J. Stager, *F. G. Hobson, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *R. H. Koch, *I. S. Smith, *W. H. Schwartz, *Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, *H. R. Fleming, *William Weand, James H. Wolfe, *Fred Bertolette, *F. P. Spiese, A. D. Fetterolf, *Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, *J. M. Stauffer, †A. S. Brendle.

*Those recorded present at meetings held this date.

†New member. Director F. E. Stees died April 19th, 1905.

Director Frederick E. Stees and ex-Director William G. Rhule died during the month of April, 1905. Both were earnest patriotic workers for many years; both had served their country on the field of battle during the great civil strife, and stood high in the estimation of their fellow men. Each had been honored by the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the latter as State President in Pennsylvania, 1874-75; and the former also as State President, 1869-70, and later as National President, 1875-77, and at the date of his decease he was National Secretary.

At the meeting of the Directors held immediately after the adjournment of the Stockholders, the same officers as of record last year were again re-elected for the new year.

At this meeting announcement was made by Treasurer Hobson that he had been notified by the Valley Forge Park Commission that they proposed to condemn the Headquarters property owned by this Association, and take possession of the same for the Park Commission, and that a committee of the Park Commission were in waiting here to confer with the Association. Messrs. Brumbaugh, Woodside and Jenkins were then introduced as the Park Commission committee. They stated that a recent act of the Legislature had given them power to condemn the Headquarters for the use of the Park Commission, and they proposed to institute proceedings at once, but they would like to make a friendly agreement with the Association as to the price to be paid.

This action of the Legislature came as a surprise to the Association. The original Act creating the Park Commission, giving it the power to condemn property for the use of the Park Commission, had especially exempted the Washington Headquarters as owned by the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge. The same Act was subsequently taken up anew, and the exemption clause stricken out and the Act then re-enacted. The Association did not consider it had been fairly treated by the State. The revision of the Act was not known of by the Directors or others active in this Association.

After the committee had retired the question of surrender of the property was further considered, and it was resolved to contest the same as far as possible.

A committee to confer with the Park Commission representatives was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Messrs. Hobson, Koch, Spiese and Bertollette, with instruction to fix the price at not less than \$25,000.00, or if possible, and as preference, to retain the property.

This is the record of the last meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Stockholders held in the old Headquarters. Use of the building for meeting purposes was denied by the Park Commission, which came into possession of the premises in October of this year.

August 8th. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office of Treasurer Hobson, in Norristown, Pa., at 3 p. m. this date.

Those present were: Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Messrs. H. J. Stager, F. G. Hobson, R. T. S. Hallowell, R. H. Koch, S. M. Helms, James H. Wolfe, and J. M. Stauffer.

The Committee appointed at last meeting to confer with the representatives of the Park Commission as to condemnation proceedings reported that the Commission had refused to accept our proposition, and that a jury of view had been appointed to assess the damage and that the Commission proposed to take possession of the Headquarters property on August 15th, 1905. The Committee therefore recommended that a Bill in Equity be filed to restrain the Park Commission from this action. After some discussion the recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The officers of the Association were duly authorized to sign the necessary papers and also give bonds required in carrying out this action. Messrs. Koch, Hobson and Bertollette, Directors, and Attorneys at Law, were empowered to act for the Association.

November 16th. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Norristown this date, in the office of Attorney Hobson at 11 a. m. Members present: Mrs. McInnes, Mrs. Jones, Messrs. Stager, Hobson, Koch, Hallowell, Helms, Wolfe, Fleming, Spiese and Bertollette.

The object of the meeting was to take into consideration the acceptance of the award of the Jury of View lately made in the matter of sale of Valley Forge Headquarters property.

The report of the attorneys acting in our interest in opposing the condemnation of the Headquarters was presented in writing, and, as it reviews the whole procedure to date, is herewith added in full:

"We, the undersigned, to whom has been committed the matter of opposing the efforts of the Valley Forge Park Commission to take all the real estate of said Association, beg leave to submit the following report:

"The Park Commission, having by resolution condemned all the real estate of said Association, applied to the Courts of Montgomery county for the appointment of viewers to assess the damages. Subsequently to such appointment, but before the viewers had viewed the premises, we prepared a bill in equity to restrain said Commission from further proceeding in the matter. The Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery county, to whom the said bill was presented, granted a rule on said Commission to show cause why a writ of preliminary injunction should not issue against said Commission. In due course, argument was had on both sides before said Court, and after due consideration the injunction was denied this Association. A copy of the bill of complaint, together with a copy of our brief and of the Court's opinion, are herewith filed with the Secretary of the Association.

"Upon mature reflection we deemed it not advisable to press the equity proceedings any further; and, therefore, took no appeal to a higher Court. Because we considered, first, that we had done all that the Directors and Stockholders would have us do, and, secondly, the cost of such appeal and the prospect of future legislation, calculated to overcome all legal difficulties in the way of the State's acquisition of the property, constrained us to deem an appeal unwarranted. Before the appeal could be finally decided in the court of last resort, which in this case would be the Supreme Court of the United States, the Legislature of this State could enact a law which would anticipate a decision favorable to this Association and thus would render our efforts ultimately futile.

"Subsequent to the Court's refusal to restrain the Commission by writ of injunction, the viewers held numerous meetings to view the premises, hear the testimony of many witnesses and

the arguments of counsel for respective sides. The total valuation of the premises was variously estimated by the witnesses from \$11,440 up to \$50,000. The fact that the original total cost of our entire property, amounting to \$17,163, included the appropriation of \$5000, in cash, which was paid to the Association by the State of Pennsylvania, together with the fact that our annual receipts from visitors at Washington's Headquarters have very largely increased since the State has acquired and improved much of the encampment grounds of the Continental Army under the command of General Washington at Valley Forge, very greatly influenced the judgment of many witnesses as to the amount that the State should now be required to pay to the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge for its entire property.

"After proper hearing, the viewers awarded the Association the sum of \$18,000, in damages. Neither side to the controversy is obliged to accept the conclusion of the viewers. Each can appeal and thereby put the matter in the hands of a jury of twelve men in the Court of Common Pleas for determination and assessment. Of course, we can give no assurance, not even a guess, as to how much more or less than \$18,000, such a jury might find in this Association's favor. It is, therefore, wholly for you to determine now whether an appeal shall be taken, and this matter is respectfully referred to you for further instructions."

The question of the acceptance of the award was discussed at length, and finally the following preamble and resolutions were offered by Director Koch:

Whereas, In the opinion of the Committee, the condemnation by the Valley Forge Park Commission have divested the title of this Association in Washington's Headquarters and have vested the title in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, We are not disposed to further proceed in the matter of assessing damages, but are desirous of having some memorial in the form of a tablet commemorating the part taken by the Association in the preservation of Washington's Headquarters; therefore be it

Resolved, That the report of the Committee be accepted and approved, and the Committee be and are thereby authorized to accept the award of \$18,000.00 rather than take an appeal, upon condition that this Association be permitted to place a tablet in Washington's Headquarters, commemorating the part taken by this Association in the preservation of said Headquarters.

A vote to adopt the same resulted in ten yeas to one nay.

On motion of Director Hobson, it was agreed to accept \$200.00 from the Park Commission for the personal property of the Association now at the Headquarters. This consisted in part of an old-style clock, a cherry side table and bookcase, sofas, chairs, books, pictures, an oil painting, "Washington Crossing the Delaware," etc., and largely of souvenir supplies held for sale at the Headquarters, books, photos, silver spoons, ornaments, etc.

It was also agreed that the present legal committee be continued to act as counsel for this Association, and that it prepare proper papers looking toward the dissolution of this Association and the distribution of its assets.

The Treasurer was instructed to liquidate the \$300.00 note yet outstanding, this being the only obligation of the Association unpaid at this date.

February 12th, 1906. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held this date in Philadelphia, in Parlor C, Continental Hotel, at 10 a. m.

The death of Treasurer Freeland G. Hobson, the filling of vacancies in the Board, and matters incidental to the present standing of the Association, were made the call for this meeting.

The vacancy in the Treasuryship was first considered, and Director Frank P. Spiese and Secretary R. T.

S. Hallowell were nominated, and after ballot Director F. P. Spiese was declared formally elected. An opinion was expressed that it was not consistent with law that the same person should hold the office of Director and Treasurer at one and the same time, although no objection was offered to that condition up to the date of death of the last official. Mr. Spiese tendered his resignation as a Director and it was accepted.

This left a vacancy of two in the Board of Directors, whereupon Miss Mary McInnes, Norristown, and J. Harry Hughes, Philadelphia, were duly elected by the usual formal ballot.

A report was heard from the committee in the matter of dissolution, and thereafter the question of dissolving was referred to the annual meeting of Stockholders to be held in June next, and that public notice of said proposed action be given and also personal notice as far as possible.

In the matter of tablet it was also reported that a plan for the same had been prepared, but that the Park Commission had refused to allow the same to be erected in the Headquarters building. Action thereon was deferred until the annual meeting in June.

A communication was read from the family of our late Treasurer, expressing their thanks and appreciation of floral emblem sent by the Board at the date of funeral. A committee on obituary resolution on the death of Treasurer F. G. Hobson was appointed at this meeting.

Directors H. R. Fleming and James H. Wolfe were added to the legal committee as designated at meeting held November 16th last.

A committee to audit the accounts of the late Treasurer was named. Those present at this meeting were:

Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Miss Mary McInnes, H. J. Stager, R. T. S. Hallowell, R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, H. R. Fleming, S. M. Helms, William Weand, James H. Wolfe, F. P. Spiese, Fred Bertollette, Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, J. M. Stauffer, A. D. Fetterolf, A. S. Brendle, J. H. Hughes.

Treasurer Freeland G. Hobson died at his home, Collegeville, Pa., January 10th, 1906, after a brief illness. He was Treasurer of this Association from the date of organization in 1887, and always took an active part in all its work. In fact, because of his nearness to the Headquarters, he was the guide and director of the Association in nearly all the work connected therewith. He was a Past State President of the P. O. S. of A. in Pennsylvania. In law as his chosen profession he attained eminent rank in his community. Prominent in religious, business and social life, he was highly esteemed by his fellows. At the time of his death he was Trust Officer for the Norristown Trust Company.

April 17th. A special meeting of the committee on foreclosing proceedings, together with officers and Directors of the Association, was held in the residence of Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Regent, in Norristown at this date.

Those present were: Miss Mary McInnes, Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, H. J. Stager, R. T. S. Hallowell, F. P. Spiese, R. H. Koch and H. R. Fleming.

The matter of personal property sale to the Park Commission was debated. J. P. H. Jenkins, acting for the Commission, declined to pay over the \$200.00 agreed upon for same, but was willing to allow about half the amount. This the Committee for the Association would not accept. The officers were instructed to effect settlement for amount in full at earliest date possible.

The matter of counsel fees with reference to the condemnation proceedings and appeal therefrom was taken up and gave rise to considerable discussion. It was developed that Messrs. Hobson, Bertollette and Strassburger were engaged in the case as associates of Judge Koch. The bill submitted amounted to \$2050.00, which was subsequently reduced to \$1800.00 in full compensation for all charges, court costs, etc., of himself and associate counsel, which may have been incurred in connection with the suit and award before the Montgomery county Court, with the further understanding that Judge Koch act as counsel for the Association without further charge for such legal services, until further notice and agreement with the officers and Directors of the Association be had.

June 19th. Permission to hold the annual meetings in the Headquarters this year was denied to this Association by letter received from the Secretary of the Park Commission who were now in charge.

The Board of Directors held their meeting at the Washington Inn, a near-by location to the Headquarters

mansion, and the Board meeting preceded that of the Stockholders held at the same place.

There was very little to consider, since the Headquarters work of the year was confined to possession of the year previous from date of annual meeting in June to dispossession in November. The routine work usually presented in the report of the Executive Committee was quite brief, and with this year terminated the labors of the Executive Committee composed of the officers of the Association, and from this date forward had nothing to present.

The Committee on Treasurer Hobson Obituary reported. It was adopted by unanimous vote and a copy ordered to be printed upon satin and sent to the widow and family.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders was called to order at 2 p. m.

The Auditing Committee reported the accounts of the late Treasurer all correct up to the date of his decease, and the net balance was duly transferred to the new Treasurer, Franklin P. Spiese. The old account, June 19th, 1905, to January 10th, 1906, showed:

June 19th, 1905, Balance	\$39.96
Headquarters' receipts	1020.00
Rentals	45.00
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	\$1104.96
Expenses—	
Warden's salary, etc.	\$129.16
Supplies paid for	276.55
Last note payment	306.58
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	\$712.29
Transferred to new Treasurer	\$392.67

The new Treasurer also acknowledged receipt of \$18,000 from the Treasurer of the Park Commission, and after deducting \$1800.00 paid as legal fees to the four attorneys representing this Association in the injunction and condemnation proceedings against the Park Commission, and also \$106.40 expenses of February 12th meeting in Philadelphia, and incidental expenses in year, it left in the hands of said official the sum of \$16,486.27. Of this sum \$16,200.00 is deposited upon interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum, and the balance, \$286.27, cash in hand, does not bear interest. The account was duly passed upon by an Auditing Committee and found correct.

The check from the Park Commission was for \$18,200.00, including the \$200.00 for personal property, but this later item was in dispute. J. P. H. Jenkins, of the Park Commission, claimed a return of part. The Treasurer, to secure the \$18,000.00, agreed to accept the whole check, and return the \$200.00, anticipating the item could readily be adjusted later on. The \$18,000.00 was received in this way, \$200.00 was returned awaiting adjustment.

The Committee on Condemnation Proceedings having reported to the Board of Directors as to action taken, it was agreed that the question of dissolution be deferred until next annual meeting.

The annual election of Directors was next held, and resulted :

1906. Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Mrs. Mary K. Preston, *Miss Mary McInnes, H. J. Stager, R. T. S. Hallowell, R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, S. M. Helms, H. R. Fleming, William Weand, James H. Wolfe, Fred Bertollette, A. D. Fetterolf, Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, J. M. Stauffer, A. S. Brendle, *J. H. Hughes, †J. H. Dugan.

No official record of those present appears in the minutes, but they infer the presence of Mrs. McInnes, Mrs. Jones, Messrs. Smith, Hallowell, Spiese, Koch, Stauffer, Bertollette, Hughes and Stager.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held subsequently to that of the Stockholders at this date, the following officials were chosen for the new year:

Regent, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes,
Vice Regents, H. J. Stager, Mrs. M. B. Jones,
Secretary, R. T. S. Hallowell,
Treasurer, Franklin P. Spiese.

It was presented that although a tender of \$200.00 was made by the Park Commission for the purchase of the personal property of the Association at Headquarters, no such amount was yet received. The attorney acting for the Park Commission wanted to rebate a certain amount for goods claimed as sold later than their offer. This was disputed and hence there was no settlement.

It was agreed that the Regent Mrs. R. McInnes, Vice Regent H. J. Stager, Secretary R. T. S. Hallowell, and Director R. H. Koch constitute a committee to prepare plans having in view the distribution of the funds of the Association, and report at a future meeting to be called for that purpose.

*New Directors elected in February.

†Re-elected at this meeting, an original member.

Directors F. G. Hobson, deceased; Franklin P. Spiese, res'gued, and Mrs. Philander C. Knox, dropped.

April 4th, 1907. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Reading, this date, in the parlor of the American House, at 10 a. m.

Those present were: Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Mrs. M. B. Jones, R. T. S. Hallowell, Franklin P. Spiese, R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, H. R. Fleming, S. M. Helms, William Weand, James H. Wolfe.

The Committee to prepare plans with reference to the distribution of funds at dissolution reported the proper course to pursue would be to provide for the dissolution of the Association and allow distribution to be made by the Courts of Montgomery county, by which this Association was chartered. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Association be and is hereby directed to give notice by publication into two newspapers in Montgomery county; one in Philadelphia; one in Reading; one in Pottsville; and one in Altoona, once a week for sixty days, that action will be taken at the annual meeting of Stockholders of this Association to be held June 19th, 1907, looking to the dissolution of this Association.

Treasurer Spiese suggested the publication of a Memorial Historical record of this Association, a copy of which shall be presented to each Director. It was agreed to, and a committee naming Regent Mrs. McInnes, Vice Regent Stager, Treasurer Spiese and Director Wolfe was appointed to present the matter at the next annual meeting.

June 19th. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge was held at 2 o'clock p. m. this date, in the Washington Inn.

Twenty stockholders were present, representing 5193 shares of stock. Rev. W. Herbert Burk was also present and holding proxies for 300 shares.

The Treasurer, Franklin P. Spiese, reported:

Balance in hand June, 1906.....	\$16,486.27
Interest received during year	556.19
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Expended during the year.....	\$17,042.46
	125.75
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Balance in hand	\$16,916.71

The Committee on Dissolution or Distribution of Funds reported that no further steps had been taken since the notice of proposed dissolution of the Association had been sent to members and duly published in different papers, *Norristown Herald*; daily *Press*, Philadelphia; *Times-Chronicle*, Jenkintown; *Altoona Tribune*; *Pottsville Republican*; and *Reading Eagle*, and the officers now await the instruction of this meeting.

A number of suggestions were made, and various plans of action were proposed, but the following resolution offered by Attorney Koch, of the Board, was, after general discussion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Directors of this Association, elected this day, be and are hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary proceedings in accordance with law for the dissolution of this corporation and the proper distribution of its funds.

A communication was received at this meeting from the Valley Forge Park Commission, asking that the funds in the hands of this Association be turned over to them as the proper successors of the Association. The Secretary was instructed to reply officially that this Corpora-

tion knows of no warrant in law authorizing the payment of its funds to said Commission, and therefore the proposition was respectfully declined and refused.

It was then moved: "That it is the sense of this meeting of Stockholders that the funds in hand be returned to the original contributors as far as possible," and was adopted unanimously.

The election of Directors resulted:

1907. *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Mrs. Mary K. Preston, *Miss Mary McInnes, *H. J. Stager, *R. T. S. Hallowell, *R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, *W. H. Schwartz, Dr. H. A. Klock, *S. M. Helms, *H. R. Fleming, William Weand, *James H. Wolfe, Fred Bertolette, A. D. Fetterolf, Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, J. M. Stauffer, *A. S. Brendle, *J. H. Hughes, *J. H. Dugan.

A meeting of the Board of Directors followed that of the Stockholders. The same officers as of record for the year previous were re-elected at this meeting.

The matter of personal property of the Association which was yet unpaid for by the Park Commission was presented at this meeting by the Committee appointed to look after the same, and it was reported that no progress could be made with the Commissioner, J. P. H. Jenkins, who seemed to represent the Park Commission in the matter. The question of collection was then placed in the hands of Attorney Koch.

After some discussion the following motion was adopted: "That the former Committee on dissolution and distribution of funds, consisting of Mrs. Rebecca McInnes

*Treasurer Franklin P. Spiese also present. No official record of Directors present, but above record is taken from parts of minutes.

and Messrs. Stager, Hallowell and Koch, be continued, with full power to act in accordance with the resolution of the Stockholders adopted this day."

A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Koch, Spiese and Wolfe, to draft a resolution to secure the consent of the Pennsylvania Legislature to permit this Association to erect a memorial tablet within the Headquarters, commemorating its work in the preservation of the Washington Headquarters.

In the winter of 1888-89 an elm sapling, represented to be a sprout from a tree planted by General Washington, was brought from Mt. Vernon by Mr. Wm. Weand, who later on was elected a Director, and by him planted on the lawn, on the left of the Mansion, and near the Warden's house. It has grown into a fine tree, with every indication of continued growth and consequent increase of proportions.

December 2d. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held this date in Philadelphia in Sons of America Building, at 10 a. m., to take special action relative to the death of our late Treasurer, Franklin P. Spiese, who died August 31st, 1907, to elect a new Treasurer, and other matters pertaining to the immediate needs of the Association, and especially to the question of dissolution.

Members present: Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Miss Mary McInnes, Messrs. H. J. Stager, R. T. S. Hallowell, R. H. Koch, H. R. Fleming,

William Weand, James H. Wolfe, J. M. Stauffer, Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, J. H. Hughes and J. H. Dugan.

An obituary paper certifying to the high esteem in which our late Treasurer was held, and an expression of sympathy to his widow, was read, adopted and a copy ordered to be printed upon satin to be sent to her.

The vacancy in the treasury was next considered. It was first provided that a surety bond of \$20,000.00 should be exacted at the expense of the treasury. This was subsequently reduced to \$16,000.00.

Directors R. T. S. Hallowell and J. M. Stauffer were then nominated to fill the vacancy in the office, and the ballot resulted ten in favor of the first named and three to the latter. This elected Secretary R. T. S. Hallowell also as Treasurer, and both offices were combined in this way.

The Committee on Dissolution reported that they were awaiting a more favorable time for prosecution of their work.

The First Vice Regent was instructed to prepare a letter addressed to Governor Edwin S. Stuart, reviewing the work of this Association briefly, and what it had accomplished for Washington's Headquarters. and the *sub rosa* manner in which it had been dispossessed by legislative action, etc., and asking that in view of same, when it came to matter of new appointees on the Park Commission, that at least two should be selected from among the officials of this Association for such place. The letter was duly prepared, printed and signed by

each Director and Officer, and promptly mailed to the Governor about March 4th, 1908. There is no record that any reply was received.

June 19th, 1908. The annual meeting of the Stockholders at this date was called to order at 2 p. m., but there were only a few present, and a motion to adjourn until 11 a. m., June 20th, was agreed to without debate.

A meeting of the Directors followed, also held at the Washington Inn, in Valley Forge, same as that of the Stockholders. There were present, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Miss Mary McInnes, H. J. Stager and R. T. S. Hallowell. No quorum was present, and it was therefore agreed to adjourn also until June 20th, after the Stockholders' meeting at 11 a. m.

The explanation of the non-attendance to-day (the date of regular annual meeting) is owing to the fact that on the 20th the General Wayne bronze equestrian monument was to be formally dedicated upon the camp grounds; and as each officer of the Association had received invitation thereto from the State Commission having the exercises in charge, it was assented to that the Board of Directors and Stockholders of this Association could as well hold their meetings this date, prior to the celebration, thus enabling the members to participate in each program, and therefore the meetings of a few on the 19th were necessary to legalize the meetings of the 20th.

June 20th. An adjourned meeting of the Stockholders was held at the Washington Inn, in Valley Forge, this date, at 11 a. m.



WASHINGTON INN

Place where the annual meetings were held after 1905

Treasurer-Secretary Hallowell reported :

June, 1907, Balance	\$16,916.71
Interest to December 26th, 1907	253.80
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Expended to July, 1907	\$17,170.51
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	\$17,077.04
Received from late Treas., Franklin P. Spiese.	\$17,077.04
Interest December, 1907, to June 19th, 1908..	247.14
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Expended for bond	\$17,324.18
Meetings	\$48.00
	52.75
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	100.75
Cash in hand at date	<hr/>
	\$17,223.43

The deaths of Directors Mrs. Mary K. Preston and Dr. H. A. Klock, in addition to Treasurer Franklin P. Spiese, all within the fiscal year, were officially presented at this meeting, and an expression of mourning and sympathy with the bereaved families was adopted, and copies thereof printed upon satin were subsequently sent to each.

Treasurer Franklin P. Spiese was elected to the Board of Directors in June, 1895, and he was ever among its most efficient members, present at nearly all its meetings from the date of election to the date of his decease; his wise counsel was held in highest estimation. He was a prominent member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and at the time of his death was the Treasurer of the National Camp. He was also the first State President in Pennsylvania re-elected for another term of office. His standing in the community was most excellent, and as an authority upon financial matters he occupied highest place among his fellows. Died August 31st, 1907.

Director Mary K. Preston, residing at Norristown, was elected a Director of this Association in June, 1901, and took an earnest interest in all its affairs, which extended to many years in advance of her election. Her patriotic labors and sterling virtues as a true woman were fully recognized in her community and the loss to this Association was a marked one. Died February 2d, 1908.

Director Henry A. Klock, M. D., residing at Mahanoy City, was among the thirteen members appointed upon behalf of the State Camp of Pennsylvania, Patriotic Order Sons of America, in 1886, for the conduction of plans as proposed at Valley Forge. He was always active in its interests, and so long as his health permitted was quite regular in his attendance at the



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meetings. His activity in the Patriotic Order Sons of America was notable and led to his election to several of its highest posts of honor, including that of Medical Examiner-in-Chief for several years. Died February 1st, 1908.

The Committee upon Memorial Tablet, appointed June 19th, 1907, reported that the Valley Forge Park Commission had reversed its former decision, through the special efforts of Col. Richmond L. Jones, a new member of the Park Commission, and would now consent to the erection of a suitable tablet within the Washington Headquarters, and a position for the same had been selected. This obviated the necessity of addressing the State Legislature as this Association had in view.

The Committee on Dissolution and Distribution of Funds reported that no formal request or petition to the Courts had yet been made, because the right to put a tablet in the Headquarters had not yet been fully determined, and until that event had transpired, and the tablet put in place, the committee thought the corporation should not be dissolved. The report was approved and the Committee continued.

The annual election was then held for Directors and resulted:

1908. *Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, *Miss Mary McInnes, *H. J. Stager, *Richard T. S. Hallowell, *Richard H. Koch, Irwin S. Smith, Samuel M. Helms, Wesley H. Schwartz, *Hudson R. Fleming, *William Weand, Frederick Bertolette, *James H. Wolfe, *A. D. Fetterolf, *J. Milton Stauffer, Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, Abraham S. Brendle, *J. Harry Hughes, *J. H. Dugan.

No attempt was made to fill the vacancies in the Board caused by deaths. In view of the proposed dissolution, it was not now considered necessary to keep up the full membership of the Board to the maximum number as provided by the by-laws.

*Those present at this meeting. No roll call, but names taken from record.

The Board of Directors held a meeting subsequent to the Stockholders, thirteen members present.

The officers as of record for previous year were re-elected.

Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, Henry J. Stager, J. H. Hughes and R. H. Koch were delegated, with full power to act, to prepare inscription for tablet, have it made and erected in place at the Headquarters.

August 25th. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to meet at Hazleton, Pa., on the evening of this date, in the Central Hotel. (This occurring during the annual sessions of the Pennsylvania State Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, at which time so many of the Directors were brought together at one place.)

The necessity of this meeting was because of the death of the Secretary-Treasurer, Richard T. S. Hallowell, August 14th, 1908.

A Committee on Resolutions was appointed, and a suitable memorial of the death of our esteemed associate was prepared and adopted, and later on a copy printed upon satin was sent to his bereaved widow.

Secretary-Treasurer R. T. S. Hallowell was also one of the thirteen trustee committee appointed at the State Camp of Pennsylvania, P. O. S. of A., in 1886, on behalf of the Valley Forge plan. He was most faithful in attendance to all his duties. He had full charge

of the restoration plans of the old Headquarters and carried all through most successfully. He was elected Secretary in 1889, and Secretary-Treasurer, December, 1907, holding that office at the date of his death. He stood high in the ranks of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, serving several of its highest offices and retiring as a Past State President. His death was keenly felt by this Association.

In the election of a successor as Treasurer it was agreed that the same should be separated from that of Secretary. J. Milton Stauffer was the only nominee, and was elected to the office of Treasurer by a unanimous vote.

It was agreed that the office of Secretary should be united with that of the First Vice Regent, and H. J. Stager was then duly elected as Secretary.

It was also agreed that the Secretary-elect be employed, authorized and empowered to prepare a history of this Association from the date of its reorganization in 1886 to the present.

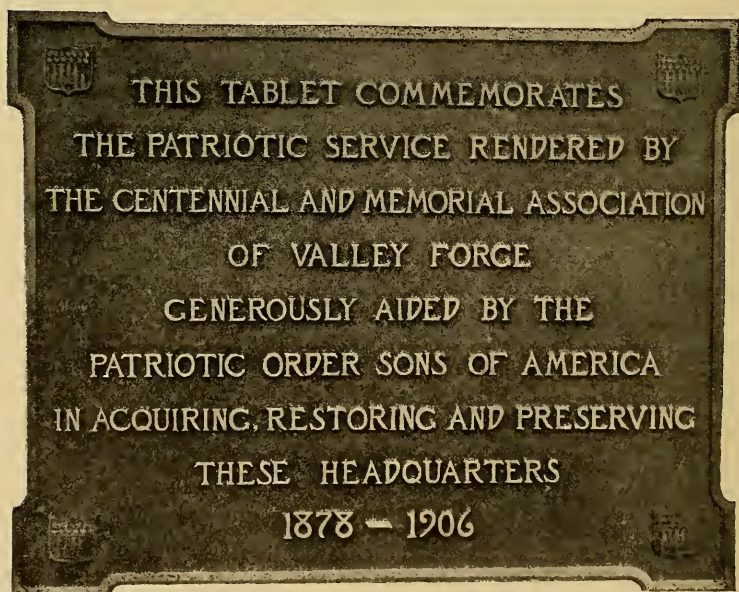
The Committee on Tablet presented the wording of proposed inscription, which was then discussed at some length, and thereafter referred to the Committee again with full power to act.

The proper officers of the Board were instructed to have a new bond prepared for the new Treasurer.

Those present at this meeting were: Messrs. R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, H. R. Fleming, S. M. Helms, J. H. Wolfe, William Weand, J. M. Stauffer, J. H. Dugan and H. J. Stager.

The tablet to be erected in the Washington Headquarters at Valley Forge, and which was acceded to by the Park Commission now in charge of the building, and for which the committee, Mrs. Mary Bean Jones, R. H. Koch, J. H. Hughes and H. J. Stager, were invested with full power to act. The place, form, size and inscription were decided upon by the committee, aided by Colonel Richmond L. Jones, of the Park Commission. The contract with the manufacturers provided for a 24x30-inch tablet, United States statutory bronze, finely cast and finished with plain border, to be completed and set in place by February 22d, 1909.

The tablet inscription reads:



The tablet was duly erected in place February 22, 1909. Judge R. H. Koch and H. J. Stager were present, representing this Association, and also Colonel Richmond L. Jones, representing the Park Commission. The cost of tablet was \$75.00 complete.

June 19th, 1909 (Saturday). The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge was held at 2 p. m., at the Valley Forge Inn. Over 5000 shares of stock were represented at this meeting. Certificate No. 3072 calls for 3600 shares, and No. 5172 for 1400 shares. The trustees for each were present. A majority of the Board of Directors were also, as usual, present at this meeting.

The Committee on Dissolution reported through Director Koch that no special move had yet been made in that way; that the full \$200 for personal property had not been received from the Park Commission, and that we should await the final report of historical record now preparing. The report was approved.

The Treasurer, J. M. Stauffer, presented his report for the year ending:

Received from Norristown Trust Company, representing estate of R. T. S. Hallowell, deceased, October 6th, 1908	\$745.61
Received from Norristown Trust Company, representing estate of R. T. S. Hallowell, deceased, December 4th, 1908	16,654.81
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	\$17,400.42
June 7th, 1909, Interest to date	264.00
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	\$17,664.42
Expended during the year	1,663.19
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June 17th, 1909, Balance	\$16,001.23

The Secretary at this meeting presented a historical record of this Association dating from reorganization in 1886 to the present. It was preceded by a full list of Directors elected from year to year; a Washington Headquarters descriptive article from the pen of Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Regent, now deceased; a descriptive article by H. J. Stager, portraying the part taken by the Patriotic Order Sons of America; and then follows sixty-two pages of typewritten matter, reviewing the work of the Association, 1886 to date; followed with a list of the contributors in that time. In all, over eighty pages of typewritten sheets, letter size. The work was overlooked prior to the meeting by five members of the Board of Directors, and it was reviewed also at this meeting, and, being considered satisfactory, was approved and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Stager, chairman, Fleming, and Attorneys Koch and Wolfe, with full power to act. It was agreed also that the book should contain the pictures of active Directors and

autobiographies so far as the same could be reached; also Brief of Title and other incidental matter. Considerable time was given at this Stockholders' meeting to this historical record, and all were in hearty accord with the same.

The election of Directors resulted:

1909. Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, *Miss Mary McInnes, *Mrs. Mary B. Jones, *H. J. Stager, *R. H. Koch, I. S. Smith, *S. M. Helms, W. H. Schwartz, *H. R. Fleming, Frederick Bertollette, Wm. Weand, Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk, *Jas. H. Wolfe, *J. M. Stauffer, *J. H. Dugan, *A. D. Fetterolf, *J. Harry Hughes, A. S. Brendle.

It was agreed that after the Committee on History is ready to report finally to the Board of Directors of this Association, that the matter of dissolution be proceeded with.

The Auditing Committee on accounts of Treasurer Hallowell, deceased, and Treasurer Stauffer, reported an examination of both accounts and finding all correct.

A meeting of the Directors followed the meeting of the stockholders this same date and place. The officers elected were as follows:

Regent, Mrs. Rebecca McInnes.

First Vice Regent and Secretary, H. J. Stager.

Second Vice Regent, Mrs. Mary B. Jones.

Treasurer, J. Milton Stauffer.

After reviewing the business acted upon at the Stockholders' meeting it was agreed that when the History Committee is ready to report a special meeting shall be called by the officers at time and place they shall agree upon.

*Present at meeting.

March 19, 1910. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held this date at 11 o'clock a. m., Philadelphia, in Sons of America Building, 524 North Sixth street.

The Directors present at this meeting were: Regent Mrs. R. McInnes, First Vice Regent and Secretary H. J. Stager, Second Vice Regent Mrs. M. B. Jones, Treasurer J. M. Stauffer, and Directors R. H. Koch, James H. Wolfe, I. S. Smith, J. H. Dugan, J. H. Hughes, W. H. Schwartz, H. R. Fleming, S. M. Helms, A. S. Brendle, A. D. Fetterolf and William Weand.

The "History of the Association" was presented as being about ready for printing, lacking only in the official record prior to 1886 and in the matter of biographies and pictures of all the Directors.

It was agreed to proceed with the publication as fully as the facts could be gathered within a limited time. An amount deemed sufficient to pay for the work in good, first-class style was considered and appropriated to cover the same.

The question of dissolution was then debated at length and with unanimous voice finally agreed upon in this:

Resolved, That the Regent and Secretary be and they are hereby authorized and directed to apply without delay in the name of this Association, by petition to the Courts of Common Pleas, of Montgomery county, for the dissolution of this Association; and further, they are authorized and directed to affix to said petition the common corporate seal of this Association.

Messrs. R. H. Koch and James H. Wolfe were chosen to represent this Association in the Courts. Provision was also made as to expenses.

After the meeting an official petition to the Courts covering this matter was then duly prepared by the attorneys and duly signed by the Regent and Secretary. A date for presentation was then awaited.



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April 12th. A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the home of the Regent, Mrs. R. McInnes, in Norristown, to consider the final report of

the Treasurer and to audit said account, also to provide further for historical publication. The call was formally issued and the meeting took place at 10 a. m.

Directors present: Mrs. McInnes (Regent), Mrs. M. B. Jones (Vice Regent), H. J. Stager (Vice Regent and Secretary), J. M. Stauffer (Treasurer), and Directors Miss M. McInnes, Messrs. R. H. Koch, J. H. Wolfe and A. D Fetterolf.

Mrs. McInnes and Mrs. Jones were appointed as a committee to secure facts relative to the history of this Association dating from 1878 to 1886, which should be incorporated in our proposed book, so far as the same could be obtained. Final provision for full expenses of publication was also made.

The Treasurer, J. M. Stauffer, reported:

June 19, 1909, Balance in hand	\$16,001.23
Receipts, June 19, 1909, to April 12, 1910:	
Sale of personal property	\$113.86
Interest	413.51
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	527.37
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	\$16,528.60
Expenses, June 19, 1909, to April 12, 1910....	962.10
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Balance in hand	\$15,566.50

Funds deposited with First National Bank, at Hazleton, at three per cent. interest per annum.

The accounts were duly audited by a committee of three and passed upon as correct.

The item of \$113.86 in receipts is in settlement of claim for furniture, old-style wall clock, oil painting, pictures, souvenirs held in stock for sale at Headquarters,

including silver spoons, pamphlets, etc. The Park Commission agreed to pay \$200.00 for same, but claimed a reduction therefrom because of latest sales, which was disputed by this Association. The amount was withheld until recent date, when settlement was accepted as above through Attorney Koch.

June 13th. The proofs of publication of the notice of the application for dissolution were presented to the Montgomery county Court and a form of decree of dissolution was submitted. Because of a Bill in Equity, which had been filed by the Park Commissioners of Valley Forge, and which was called to the attention of the Court by their counsel, the decree submitted by Judge Koch and Jas. H. Wolfe, Esq., was not signed by the Court, but held under advisement.

June 18th (Saturday). Judge Aaron S. Swartz, of the Montgomery county Court, made a decree this date dissolving the corporation of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, and approved the accounts of the Directors and officers of the said corporation. No exceptions or objections were filed to said account. A Bill in Equity was filed by the Commissioners of the Valley Forge Park against the Association. In this bill the plaintiffs allege and contend that they are, *ex officio*, the successors of the Association as trustees of the fund of \$15,566.50. The Court paper recommends that final disposition should not be made until said bill is disposed of or until the rights of the plaintiffs are

adjudicated. It also recommends that the fund should be distributed without unnecessary delay, and stated that several claimants desired to submit proofs as to their rights and title in the fund. The Judge appointed William F. Dannehower, an attorney, of Norristown, Pa., auditor, to make distribution of the funds above stated in the Association treasury "to the parties legally entitled to the money."

July 26th. A meeting was held at the office of Attorney Dannehower, in Norristown, this date, at 10 a. m. Present: Attorneys Koch and Wolfe, for the Stockholders of the Centennial and Memorial Association, claiming the fund for distribution to the shareholders.

Also, Attorneys ex-Governor S. M. Pennypacker, R. L. Jones and J. P. H. Jenkins, for the Valley Forge Park Commission, claiming the fund as succeeding Trustees.

Also, Mrs. Joseph Fernance and Miss Hooven, representing the Valley Forge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, claiming the fund for the erection of a monument at Valley Forge.

Also, Rev. W. Herbert Burk, representing transfers of stock in favor of the Washington Memorial Chapel, at Valley Forge.

Also, several parties holding certificates showing subscriptions made to the Jubilee Celebration of 1878. The latter were ruled out.

A few witnesses were heard, and then the meeting was adjourned till further call.

September 16th. A second meeting before the Auditor occurred on this date at Norristown, at 10 A. M. All the attorneys named in meeting of July 26 were also present at this.

After hearing additional testimony from H. J. Stager, continued from meeting of July 26, the question as to whom the funds should go was ably argued by Judge R. H. Koch and Attorney Jas. H. Wolfe, in favor of the stockholders, and by ex-Governor Pennypacker and Attorney R. L. Jones, who claimed that the Park Commission was the legitimate successor of the dissolved Association, and hence entitled to said fund.

Auditor Dannehower then held the matter under advisement.

October 5th. The third and final meeting before the Auditor was held at Norristown this date, at 10 A. M. At this meeting Valley Forge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, represented by Mrs. Rebecca McInnes and Miss Emeline Henry Hooven, attorney, presented their application for the funds now held in trust, for monumental purposes, to be located at Valley Forge. Attorneys R. H. Koch, J. P. H. Jenkins, ex-Governor Pennypacker and H. J. Stager were also present.

June 5th, 1911. From the date of the last meeting before the Auditor in Norristown, held in October, 1910, the matter of distribution of fund was held under consideration by him until this date, when his report was presented in the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County. In this report he elaborately reviewed the history of the Centennial and Memorial

Association of Valley Forge, and of the Park Commission and defined the legal status of each as to the fund that had been paid by the State to the former under the condemnation proceedings, for its property, and finally reached the conclusion that said fund could not be distributed among the certificate holders of the late Centennial and Memorial Association, but must be awarded to the said Valley Forge Park Commission as the logical successors of said Association, and as best fitted to continue the trust which, he held, had been created by the said Association.

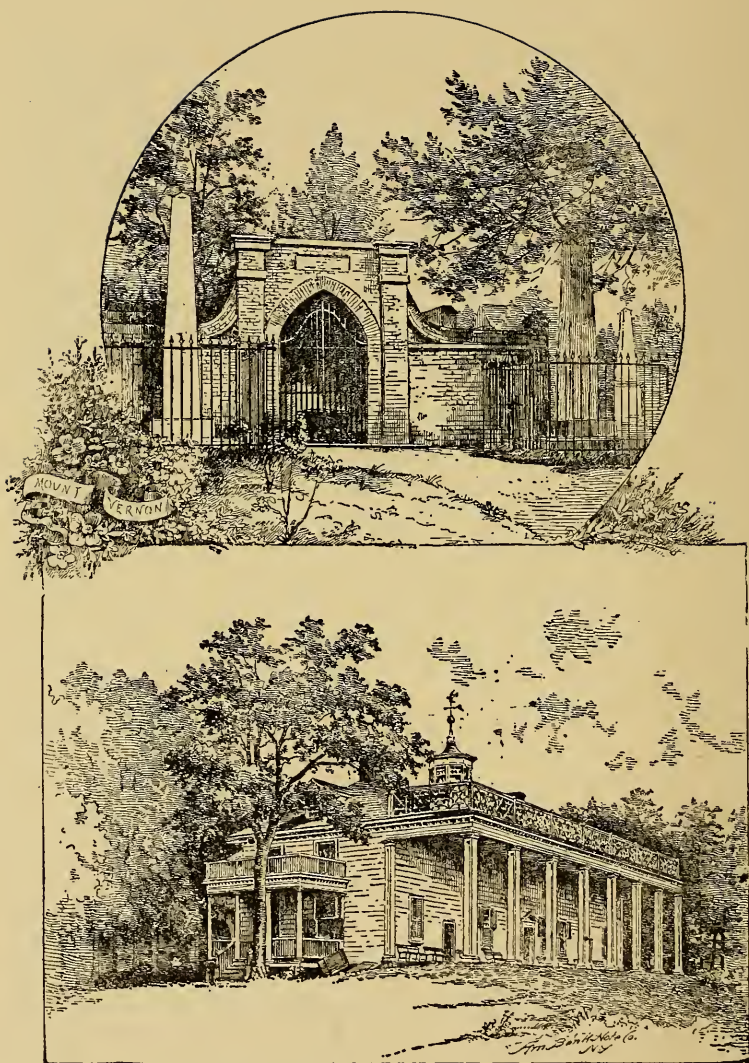
This decision is unsatisfactory to the members of the dissolved Association, and the attorneys representing the stockholders will take necessary steps to have the questions involved reviewed by the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, and thereafter, if necessary, by an appeal to the Supreme Court of the State, because the exact question arising in the case has not been hitherto decided. The final decision may not, therefore, be rendered for some time; and it was deemed unnecessary to delay the publication of this book longer, inasmuch as the final decision may not be had for a few years.

The stockholders would not object to the expenditure of all its funds at or about Valley Forge in the erection of some patriotic memento, as in an Arch, or appropriate Monument, so that the amount involved would be used in some specific object which could be pointed out as its own peculiar feature. The stockholders do object to the incorporation of their fund in a general way with the Park Commission treasury, as thereby it would lose all its identity and forever dissipate remembrance of their distinctive labors in behalf of Valley Forge Headquarters.

This book was practically complete in July, 1910, so far as the writer's labors went, and all its pages, up to page 193 (excepting the first few), were printed and stacked up in the bindery, waiting the final pages, which were held back until the decision of the Auditor could be completed. The matter was in his hands for one full year.

The full Report of the Auditor and the Exceptions as filed in the Court will be attached to this book and appear in the Appendix.

Argument on the Exceptions in the Courts of Montgomery County will not be held until September 8, 1911.



MOUNT VERNON, ON THE POTOMAC

ARTICLES PRESENTED TO THE ASSOCIATION

AN interesting feature in the early work of the Centennial and Memorial Association, which continued up to 1905, was the collection of relics having a Colonial or Revolutionary history, and the following is a major list of the articles presented from time to time. Some few of the articles were loaned for a time.

One pair of Andirons, Mrs. Hannah Ogden, 1878.

A Walnut Couch, brought from England, presented by Mrs. Hannah Ogden, 1878.

A Glass Tankard, formerly belonged to Timothy Pickering, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, presented by Mrs. D. R. Brower, of Norristown, Pa.

Three Pewter Plates, Mrs. Hannah Ogden, 1878.

Snuff Box, formerly belonged to Major-General Anthony Wayne, presented by Mrs. Ann Haley, of Berwyn.

Also a paper case of General Wayne's, presented by Mrs. Ann Haley.

"Washington and His Generals at Valley Forge," presented by Mr. Franklin B. Schlater, Whitpain township, Montgomery county.

Bayonet taken from the Hessians after their capture at the Battle of Trenton, January 2, 1777, presented by Hon. Jones Detweiler, also a Canister Shot found on the farm of Charles Wentz, Whitmarsh township, near Fort Washington, Montgomery county, in 1876.

Crane in kitchen chimney. It was taken from an old house on the Conard farm, Centre Square. The property was at one time owned by Adam Lutz, whose initials it bears: "A. L., 1736."

A curious rusted Hammer, found a short distance from the Headquarters building, presented by John Rowan, Valley Forge.

Small Hatchet, much rusted, found two feet below the surface, close to the southeast window of the office rooms.

Two Indian Stone Hatchets, found at Fort Huntingdon, presented by Mrs. Isaac Massey, October, 1887.

"Washington Crossing the Delaware," presented by the National Camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, assembled at Washington, D. C., June, 1889.

A large Hammer used by the teamsters of the army about their wagons at Swedes Ford, given by them to Major Mathias Holstein, who was then but a lad. From him it descended to his nephew, Dr. George W. Holstein, and was presented by him to the Headquarters.

Rusty Bayonet, found at Valley Forge, presented by Hon. Jones Detweiler.

Canister Shot, found at Fort Washington, Whitemarsh, in 1875, presented by Hon. Jones Detweiler.

Rusted broken Sword, found at Valley Forge in 1859, presented by J. W. Harry, of Conshohocken.

Flint Lock Musket, presented by Mr. P. C. Hess, of Philadelphia.

Hatchet with handle, Mrs. Ogden, 1878.

Reel, presented by Mrs. Jacob L. Rex.

Large Pewter Meat Dish, formerly the property of William and Mary Plumstead, of Philadelphia; presented by Miss Clementine Plumstead, of Philadelphia, in 1880.

One Pewter Plate, found on the battlefield of Germantown, presented by Camp 114, Patriotic Order Sons of America.

One Pewter Plate, belonged to Captain John Emory, and used by him at Valley Forge, in 1777, presented by Peter Emory, to Camp 114, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and by them to the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge.

Brass Buckles, found near Fort Huntingdon, presented by Mrs. Isaac Massey.

Chair, presented by Miss Rachel Rittenhouse, Jeffersonville, Montgomery county, Pa.

Powder Horn, made at Valley Forge in 1777, by C. F. Rockwell.

Set of Forty Framed Portraits from Historical Society of Pennsylvania, being a chronological portraiture of Washington, 1772 to 1798.

Cannon from Navy Department, placed on lawn. Procured through efforts of Congressman Edwin Hallowell.

Cannon Ball (18-pound), found near entrenchment at Valley Forge, by George W. Pauling.

Fac-simile of Declaration of Independence, presented by State Department at suggestion of F. D. Stone, librarian of Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

"Diplomatic Correspondence of American Revolution," 6 vols. "Bulletin of Bureau of Rolls and Library," 2 vols., also presented by Department of State, Washington, D. C.

Old Desk, by Dr. J. K. Read.

Single Bedstead, formerly property of Charles Thompson, first Secretary of Continental Congress, by David Kenzie.

Portrait of Dr. Bodo Otto, a surgeon of the Revolutionary Army, 1775 to close of war, by C. W. Otto, a descendant.

Bullet from battlefield of Red Bank, by E. G. Badger, Philadelphia.

Two pieces of paper currency issued by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, 1777, by John Wilde, Jr., Conshohocken.

Bedstead, Fireplace Utensils, by Mrs. Roberts.

Old Brass-Barreled Horse Pistol, with Bayonet. Old Steel Square, with date 1675, by J. G. Baily, Bridgeport.

Colonial Bedstead, Antique Clock, Candlestick, Watch, Spectacles, Snuffers, by Dr. P. N. K. Schwenk (a Director).

Cannon Ball, found on Germantown battlefield, by P. C. Hess, Philadelphia.

Engravings presented by Mr. Frederick D. Stone:

Washington Receiving Douches' Letter; Major-General Anthony Wayne; Major-General Henry Knox; Major-General Peter Muhlenberg; Major-General William Irvine; Major-General Nathaniel Greene; Major-General the Baron De Kalb; Major-General Lord Stirling; Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Dearborn; Brigadier-General James M. Varnum; Brigadier-General Lachlan McIntosh; Brigadier-General Enoch Poor; Brigadier-General C. Scott; Brigadier-General Jedediah Huntington;

Colonel John Bannister; Colonel Henry Lee; Lieutenant-Colonel John Laurens; Colonel Alexander Hamilton; Major-General Thomas Mifflin; Lieutenant-Colonel Tench Tilghman; Colonel Nathaniel Ramsey; Lieutenant-Colonel Eleazor Oswald; Washington Crossing the Delaware; full-length portrait of Lafayette.

Presented by Mr. William S. Baker:

Washington Crossing the Delaware, Washington (Stuart).

Presented by Mr. Charles Roberts:

Brigadier-General George Weeden.

Presented by Mr. Thomas A. Andrews, of Philadelphia:

Washington's last interview with his Mother, April 14, 1789; Capture of Major André; Washington as a Mason; Heath's Washington, burnt on wood (rare); Ancient Engraving—Liberty; Independence Hall, Philadelphia; Meat Platter made in London; Walnut Chair; Andirons; Large Oak Pin, taken from centre rafter of log house built in Birdsboro, Berks county, in 1784.

Miscellaneous Articles:

Pewter Plates, presented by John Hicks, Chester county.

Andirons, presented by S. Hammun, Chester county.

Old-time Frying Pan, long handle, presented by S. Hammun, Chester county.

Kitchen Utensils, Two Cane-Seat Chairs, Mrs. C. W. Roberts, West Chester.

Indian Curiosities, found on Valley Forge Hills, presented by Mr. Charles D. Phillips, Norristown.

Receipt given by James Logan to Elias Rambo, 1740; presented to the Association by C. D. Phillips.

Brass Warming Pan, William H. Holstein.



Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge

THE cornerstone of the Washington Memorial Chapel was laid on Evacuation Day, June 19, 1903, and the building, only partly finished, was first used on Washington's Birthday, 1905. While there has been considerable delay in securing the money required to complete the Chapel, it already contains some notable memorials. These include the Washington-Sullivan font, commemorating Washington's baptism, and the Washington-Wood memorial pulpit, perclose and lectern. The pulpit commemorates Washington's services as a church warden in Truro Parish, Virginia, and the lectern the fact that he read the burial

office at the interment of General Braddock. This is the only monument at Valley Forge to a British soldier. These memorials were dedicated on Washington's Birthday, 1909.

The pews of the patriots are said to be the most beautiful pews in the country. Each commemorates the services of one or more of the patriots of the War of the Revolution, and the tablets bear the record of their services. The first pew is the Presidents', given in memory of Washington and Monroe, the two who were at Valley Forge during the memorable winter of '77 and '78, and in commemoration of the address made by President Roosevelt on Evacuation Day, 1904, the first time in history that a President visited Valley Forge. This address was made in the temporary frame chapel, still standing. The Colorado Society, Daughters of the Revolution, gave the Continental Army Pew, and Liberty Bell Chapter, Pennsylvania Society, Daughters of the Revolution, gave the Continental Navy Pew.

Continental Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, gave the beautiful Washington Door.

A beautiful feature of the Chapel is the Cloister of the Colonies, which forms the *porte-cochère*. The façade of this has been built, and contains five bays, representing New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland and Massachusetts. These were given by Miss Sarah R. Chew, Mr. T. Broom Belfield, Mr. George C. Thomas, and Mr. James E. Mitchell. The

Massachusetts Society, Sons of the American Revolution, gave the Massachusetts bay. Eventually, all the thirteen colonies will be represented.

Adjoining the Chapel will be the Patriots' Hall. One room of this was built and opened formally on Washington's Birthday, 1909. In this at present are the collections of the Valley Forge Museum of American History and the Washington Memorial Library. Already the collections are too extensive to be properly displayed, and it is hoped that additional space may be speedily provided by the erection of a larger room. Both the Museum and Library have proven popular institutions, and hardly a week passes without gifts being made to them.

Valley Forge naturally suggests the thought of Washington's prayer there in the days when his soul was tried to the utmost. Brueckner's picture of the great commander on his knees in the snow and the Quaker observing his devotions is one of the most popular ever painted to represent an historic event.

The story of this worship upon the snow-clad hills comes to us from Isaac Potts, the owner of the Valley Mill, in whose comfortable home Washington made his headquarters after the week spent in the tent which is now preserved in the Valley Forge Museum of American History, which has been added to the Washington Memorial Chapel and buildings now partly completed. Accidentally, the miller came upon Washington at prayer, and heard his supplications for

the cause which he represented and his suffering men. Deeply impressed with the religious fervor of this man of war, whose conduct was at such variance with that Society to which he belonged, and in which he was a preacher, Isaac Potts returned to the house which was through that episode, we believe, made memorable for all time as "Washington's Headquarters."

There he threw himself into a chair by the side of his wife.



"Heh! Isaac!" said she, with tenderness; "thee seems agitated; what's the matter?" "Indeed, my dear," quoth he, "if I appear agitated, 'tis no more than what I am. I have seen this day what I shall never forget. Till now I have thought that a Christian and a soldier were characters incompatible; but if George Washington be not a man of God, I am mistaken, and

still more shall I be disappointed if God do not through him perform some great thing for this country."

For many years a great oak on the road near the Waterman monument was pointed out as the scene of this prayer. Wherever the prayer was offered, the Washington Memorial Chapel will be its most lasting memorial. The thought of that prayer and all it meant in American history inspired the Rev. W. Herbert Burk with the idea of erecting upon the sacred ground of Valley Forge a chapel where the prayer of Washington might be continued by American patriots as long as the Nation shall endure. While the Chapel is far from completion, it is already so rich with memorials of the heroic dead as to win from Mr. Wilfred Powell, the British Consul, the title of "the American Westminster."

While we may not be able to point out the very spot where Isaac Potts found Washington at prayer, we can point to the tabernacle of our American Moses, which he used not only here at Valley Forge, but at many places through the long struggle for American independence. In one end of Washington's marquee are the webbing and iron hooks from which the curtain hung which made a part of the tent his most private quarters. This formed the sleeping apartment of Washington, and here he retired to meditate upon the problems which confronted him, and here, as under the woodland bower, he went to his God for guidance and support.

Miss Frances B. Lovell, a descendant of Betty Lewis, the only sister of General George Washington, has loaned to the Valley Forge Museum of American History, at Valley Forge, founded by the Rev. W. Herbert Burk, of Norristown, Pa., the flag which floated over General Washington's headquarters at Valley Forge during that memorable encampment. The flag has been framed and is now on exhibition, along with Washington's marquee, which was occupied by the Commander-in-Chief of the armies of the United States as his headquarters tent during his first week at Valley Forge.

The flag in the Valley Forge Museum is a light blue silk jack with thirteen stars, the blue faded and the stars yellow with age. It is thirty-six inches long and twenty-eight inches wide. The heading is of homespun linen, with three eyelets worked with thread. The stars are six-pointed, double stitched, and the silk back of them has been cut out to show the stars on both sides. The stars are not arranged in a circle, but on lines following the crosses of the British flag.

While the flag is only borrowed, the marquee above referred to is the property of the museum, having been purchased for \$500.

FULL LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS TO THE WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS VALLEY FORGE FUND, BY CAMPS, COMMANDERIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PATRIOTIC ORDER SONS OF AMERICA, AND A FEW OTHERS, MARCH 1, 1886, TO AUGUST 10, 1886, PRIOR TO DATE OF REORGANIZATION OF THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION OF VALLEY FORGE, NOVEMBER 9, 1886.

No. and Date
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Sub. Certificate
1886.

1,	March	1,	Camp 142,	Reiner City, C. N. Haertter, Sec'y	\$ 5.00
2,	"	1,	Lexington Com'y	No. 2, Reading, Geo. Villforth, Scribe	5.00
3,	"	1,	Camp 72, Pa.,	Delano, W. H. Moll, Sec'y	*20.00
4,	"	1,	" 259, "	Drifton, H. P. Kuntz, Sec'y	*20.00
5,	"	1,	" 227, "	Ephrata, H. M. Fry, Sec'y	10.81
6,	"	1,	" 261, "	Audenried, W. A. Bailey, Sec'y	100.00
7,	"	1,	" 87, "	Annville, J. H. Young, Sec'y	5.00
8,	"	1,	" 266, "	Llewellyn, B. F. Luckenbill	3.00
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11,	"	3,	" 241, "	Madisonville, S. H. Cartwright, Sec'y	2.50
12,	"	5,	" 91, "	Hazleton, D. T. Yost, D. P.	100.00
13,	"	5,	" 255, "	Sandy Run, J. A. Brandmeier, Sec'y	12.00
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18,	"	10,	" 260, "	Lavelle, G. S. Maurer, D. P.	20.00
19,	"	10,	" 47, "	Schuylkill Haven, A. J. Whalen, R. S.	*20.00

20,	March	10,	Camp	64,	Pa.,	Meyerstown, M. J. Stein-	
						er, Chairman	\$17.20
21,	"	10,	"	264,	"	Friedenburg, J. A. Heff-	
						ner, Chairman	16.00
22,	"	16,	"	77,	"	Philadelphia, W. Weand,	
						Sec'y	25.00
23,	"	16,	"	143,	"	Drums, J. H. Schnerr,	
						Sec'y	7.00
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						Sec'y	25.00
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						Souder	25.00
26,	"	20,	"	92,	"	Pottstown, W. S. Royer,	
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						Treas.	10.00
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						Thomas, D. P.	*5.00
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						Sec'y	10.00
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31,	"	29,	"	178,	"	Hyde Park, W. H. Coons,	
						Sec'y	5.00
32,	"	30,	"	124,	"	Mahanoy City, H. A.	
						Klock, D. P.	*20.00
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33,	March	30,	"	215,	"	Ambler, J. S. Ford.....	*1.00
34,	April	10,	"	219,	"	Beaver Meadows, A. D.	
						Bittner, Sec'y	*41.19
35,	"	12,	"	243,	"	Philadelphia, P. C. Hess,	
						P. P.	*15.00
	June	3,	"	243,	"	Philadelphia, P. C. Hess,	
						P. P.	*10.00
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						Slifer, Scribe	25.00
37,	"	14,	Camp	267,	Pa.,	Collegeville, A. D. Fet-	
						terolf, Treas.	45.25
38,	"	15,	"	36,	"	Pottsville, A. L. Wilder-	
						muth, Treas.	10.00
39,	"	27,	"	117,	"	Parryville, T. W. Pettis,	
						Sec'y	5.00
40,	"	27,	"	154,	"	Williamstown, Leander	
						F. Wolf, Sec'y	25.00
41,	"	27,	"	191,	"	Spring City, Jones Die-	
						mer, Sec'y	25.00
42,	"	27,	"	96,	"	New London, G. W.	
						Winters, Sec'y	8.00
43,	"	27,	"	168,	"	Humboldt, John Patter-	
						son, Sec'y	5.00

44,	April	27,	Camp 106, Pa.,	Centralia, Price T. Lewis, Sec'y	\$5.00
45,	"	27,	" 215, "	Ambler, T. E. Gusman, Sec'y	*12.50
46,	"	27,	" 94, "	Frankford, Phila., G. P. Stanger, D. P.	25.00
47,	"	27,	" 86, "	Orwigsburg, J. A. Diefen- derfer, Sec'y	10.00
48,	"	30,	" 125, "	Girardville, Philip Blass, Sec'y	20.00
49,	May	3,	" 112, "	Shenandoah, J. S. Wil- liams, Sec'y	50.00
50,	"	3,	" 33, "	West Point, E. M. How- land, Sec'y	*13.75
51,	"	4,	" 213, "	Amityville, Charles H. Rhoads, Sec'y	5.00
52,	"	4,	" 116, "	Mt. Carmel, John Jeffer- son	25.00
53,	"	5,	" 121, "	Conshohocken, T. H. Kay, Sec'y	75.00
54,	"	5,	" 150, "	Valley Forge, J. E. Wadsworth, Sec'y	2.50
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57,	"	7,	" 72, "	Delano, W. H. Moll, Sec'y	*5.00
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60,	"	17,	" 237, "	Stouchsburg, S. J. Spohn, Sec'y	10.00
61,	"	19,	" 114, "	Norristown, W. C. Ben- ner, Treas.	100.00
62,	"	21,	Garfield Commandery, No. 21, D. H. Wehr, Scribe		5.00
63,	"	21,	Montgomery Commandery, No. 15, R. T. S. Hallowell, Scribe		25.00
64,	"	22,	Camp 218, Pa., Marysville, C. M. Dickin- son, Sec'y		40.00
65,	"	24,	" 57, "	Tamaqua, W. H. Beyel, Sec'y	25.00
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67,	"	27,	" 108, "	Mauch Chunk, E. F. Kuntz, D. P.	4.00
68,	"	28,	" 27, "	Lancaster, J. P. Wino- wer, D. P.	5.00

69,	June	1,	Camp 254, Pa., Lebanon, J. Shindel Krause, Treas.	\$100.00
70,	"	2,	" 173, " South Easton, J. H. Waltman, Sec'y	10.00
71,	"	2,	" 120, " Lansdale, R. A. Shepherd, D. P.	25.50
72,	"	3,	" 66, " Frackville, Phil. Merkle, Sec'y	*11.00
73,	"	4,	" 65, " Lebanon, J. H. Hoffer, P. S. P.	31.00
74,	"	5,	" 244, " Zionsville, G. S. Weidner, Sec'y	5.00
75,	"	5,	John C. Donat, S. A. S., Jarrettown....	1.00
76,	"	9,	Camp 73, Pa., Cressona, S. C. Wilson, Sec'y	25.00
77,	"	9,	H. J. Stager, Trustee for Stockholders in International Exhibition Company, being net return of sale four shares stock, transferred from Centennial Exhibition Stock Sale	12.00
78,	"	12,	Camp 251, Pa., South Bethlehem, Jas. Dimmick, Sec'y	5.00
79,	"	22,	" 92, " Pottstown, W. S. Royer, D. P.	*13.00
80,	"	22,	" 192, " Palmyra, J. W. Deitrich, Sec'y	*2.00
81,	"	22,	S. M. Helms, Pinegrove, Pa.	1.00
82,	"	22,	N. MacReynolds, for Montgomery District Delegates	2.83
83,	"	22,	F. A. Davis, Berkeley, Cal.	1.00
84,	"	23,	Camp 259, Pa., Driffton, H. P. Kuntz, Sec'y	*35.00
85,	"	25,	" 155, " Philadelphia, George W. Ward, P. P.	25.00
86,	"	25,	" 242, " Scranton, J. F. Baumeister	6.00
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88,	"	25,	T. F. Heebner, Scranton	1.00
89,	"	25,	H. H. Pfeiffer, Scranton	1.00
90,	"	25,	A. F. Stokes, Scranton	1.00
91,	"	25,	Camp 33, Pa., West Point, E. M. Howland, Sec'y	*11.25
92,	"	26,	" 257, " Pittston, C. G. Hammond, Sec'y	2.00
93,	"	28,	" 50, " Philadelphia, Wm. H. Dawson, Treas.	16.00
94,	July	2,	" 132, " Catawissa, W. D. Grant, Sec'y	5.00
95,	"	2,	" 78, " Hamburg, A. J. Seaman, Sec'y	7.28
96,	"	6,	M. B. Brenamin, Saxton	1.00

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98,	"	6,	W. E. Simons, Saxton	1.25
99,	"	6,	J. P. Johnson, Saxton	1.00
100,	"	6,	J. E. Neary, Saxton	1.10
101,	"	6,	Levi F. Putt, Saxton	1.10
102,	"	6,	David Davis, Saxton	1.00
103,	"	6,	William Witmer, Saxton	1.00
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106,	"	6,	James H. Kay, Saxton	1.00
107,	"	6,	John McCray, Saxton	1.10
108,	"	6,	D. F. White, Saxton	1.00
109,	"	6,	Martin Eichelberger, Saxton	1.00
110,	"	6,	Camp 185, Saxton, D. B. Smith, Sec'y...	10.45
111,	"	13,	R. C. Lashell, Reedsville	1.00
112,	"	15,	Camp 111, Pa., Philadelphia, W. H. John- son, D. P.	25.00
113,	"	16,	" 134, " Port Carbon, C. F. Reiter, Sec'y	3.50
114,	"	20,	" 89, " Reading, I. S. Smith, Sec'y	50.00
115,	"	20,	" 230, " St. Lawrence, D. J. Brum- bach, Sec'y	5.00
116,	"	22,	" 31, " Altoona, George Boate, Sec'y	*25.00
117,	"	22,	" 51, " Bridgeport, L. D. Buck- ley, Sec'y	*1.00
118,	"	23,	" 215, " Ambler, T. E. Gusman, Sec'y	*17.50
119,	"	23,	" 270, " Philadelphia, F. M. May- hew, Treas.	25.00
120,	"	24,	" 97, " Alburtis, J. P. Hartman, Sec'y	15.00
121,	"	26,	" 53, " Plymouth Meeting, J. M. Coulston, Sec'y	*14.61
122,	"	27,	Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, for Philadelphia Contributors	105.00
123,	"	27,	Camp 157, Pa., Williamsport, W. T. Sauers, D. P.	*6.00
124,	"	28,	" 14, " Pottsville, C. F. Hiney, Treas.	25.00
125,	"	28,	S. J. Woelfley, Jonestown	2.00
126,	"	28,	Camp 148, Pa., Wiconisco, C. Ed. L. Keene, Sec'y	7.00
127,	"	28,	" 253, " Summit Hill, William R. Miller, Sec'y	10.00
128,	"	29,	" 274, " Terre Hill, H. Heiden- rich, Sec'y	10.00
129,	"	29,	" 103, " Fleetwood, A. M. Dumm, Sec'y	1.00

130,	July	29,	Camp 161, Pa.,	Lock Haven, B. A. Fah-		
				ringer, Sec'y	.....	\$5.00
131,	"	29,	J. Shindel Krause, Lebanon	.....		2.00
132,	"	29,	Camp 252, Pa.,	Lansford, J. H. Cressman,		
				Sec'y	.....	7.00
133,	"	30,	Dr. J. M. Cooper, S. V. P.	.....		5.75
134,	"	30,	E. B. Clayton, Chester	.....		1.20
135,	"	30,	Henry Roberts, Chester	.....		1.00
136,	"	30,	Camp 238, Pa.,	Lykens, A. F. Fennell,		
				Sec'y	.....	7.00
137,	"	30,	" 104, "	Boyertown, M. H. Scheal-		
				er, Sec'y	.....	10.00
138,	"	30,	" 269, "	Dubois, W. D. Tenny,		
				Sec'y	.....	10.00
139,	"	31,	" 239, "	White Haven, H. M.		
				Leonard, Sec'y	.....	15.00
140,	"	31,	" 1, Conn.,	New Haven, A. S.		
				Welch, Sec'y	.....	2.00
141,	"	31,	" 149, Pa.,	Shamokin, A. S. Clark-		
				son, Sec'y	.....	25.00
142,	"	31,	" 224, "	Jarrettown, J. C. Donat		25.00
143,	"	31,	" 206, "	Shenandoah, Wm. H.		
				Reinbold, Sec'y	.....	10.00
144,	"	31,	" 63, "	Allentown, William G.		
				Hoffman, Sec'y	.....	10.00
145,	Aug.	2,	J. W. Simon, Hopewell	.....		1.00
146,	"	2,	J. W. Wilson, Hopewell	.....		1.00
147,	"	2,	J. F. Niggs, Hopewell	.....		1.00
148,	"	2,	J. T. Painter, Hopewell	.....		1.00
149,	"	2,	John C. Norton, Hopewell	.....		1.00
150,	"	2,	J. A. Eichelberger, Hopewell	.....		1.00
151,	"	2,	G. B. Fluke, Hopewell	.....		1.00
152,	"	2,	W. S. Painter, Hopewell	.....		1.00
153,	"	2,	Geo. S. Blatchferd, Hopewell	.....		1.00
154,	"	2,	A. J. Snowberger, Hopewell	.....		1.00
155,	"	2,	J. F. Benner, Hopewell	.....		1.00
156,	"	2,	J. S. Ritchey, Hopewell	.....		1.00
157,	"	2,	W. H. Dodson, Hopewell	.....		1.00
158,	"	2,	A. J. Leth, Hopewell	.....		1.00
159,	"	2,	Edw. Bowser, Hopewell	.....		1.00
160,	"	2,	J. L. Vetter, Hopewell	.....		1.00
161,	"	2,	William Ross, Hopewell	.....		1.00
162,	"	2,	John Evans, Hopewell	.....		1.00
163,	"	2,	Camp 79, Pa.,	Hopewell, L. G. Eichel-		
				berger, Sec'y	.....	1.25
164,	"	3,	" 235, "	Lost Creek, Geo. W.		
				Johnson, Sec'y	5.00
165,	"	3,	" 100, "	New Ringgold, H. D.		
				Koch, Sec'y	10.00
166,	"	4,	T. H. Bruner, Jonestown		1.00

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167,	Aug.	4,	Camp 95, Pa., Chalfont, H. S. Delp....	\$7.25
168,	"	4,	" 1, D. of A., Philadelphia, Miss Agatha S. Beamer	25.00
169,	"	4,	H. P. Kutz, Myerstown	1.00
170,	"	4,	Camp 66, Pa., Frackville, Phil. Merkle, Sec'y	*5.00
171,	"	5,	Samuel Heiser, Pinegrove	1.00
172,	"	5,	Daniel J. Gensemer, Pinegrove	1.00
173,	"	5,	J. Lyman Zimmerman, Pinegrove	1.00
174,	"	5,	Frederick E. Stees, Pinegrove.....	1.00
175,	"	5,	Charles E. Logan, Pinegrove	1.00
176,	"	5,	Geo. W. Gensemer, Pinegrove	1.00
177,	"	5,	Camp 49, Pa., Pinegrove, F. E. Stees, Sec'y	120.20
178,	"	5,	" 196, " Allentown, A. D. Berger, D. P.	20.00
179,	"	6,	P. C. Hess, Philadelphia	1.00
180,	"	6,	Willis C. Tobias, Reading	1.00
181,	"	6,	Geo. W. Schwartz, Reading	1.00
182,	"	6,	J. A. Batt, Reading	1.00
183,	"	6,	Ed. Printz, Reading	1.00
184,	"	6,	William Printz, Reading	1.00
185,	"	6,	Reynold Seiders, Reading	1.00
186,	"	6,	F. S. Tobias, Reading	1.00
187,	"	6,	Camp 163, Pa., Reading, F. S. Tobias, Sec'y	5.00
188,	"	6,	William Weand, Philadelphia	1.00
189,	"	6,	Rev. E. M. Chilcord, Trevorton	1.00
190,	"	6,	J. H. Ward, Trevorton	1.00
191,	"	6,	Grant Kline, Trevorton	1.00
192,	"	6,	H. A. Schrader, Trevorton	1.00
193,	"	6,	Camp 156, Pa., Trevorton, Thos. L. Mort, Sec'y	3.20
194,	"	7,	Robert A. Shepherd, D. P., Lansdale....	5.00
195,	"	7,	Camp 80, Pa., Mann's Choice, J. H. Mar- kle, Sec'y	7.00
196,	"	7,	M. C. Kriebel, West Point	1.00
197,	"	7,	M. H. Hartzell, West Point	1.00
198,	"	7,	Camp 51, Pa., Bridgeport, L. D. Buck- ley, Sec'y	*1.00
199,	"	7,	" 58, " Jonestown, T. H. Bruner, Sec'y	3.00
200,	"	9,	Val. Raudenbush, Philadelphia	1.00
201,	"	9,	Camp 6, Pa., Souderton, M. D. Zendt, Sec'y	25.00
202,	"	9,	" 231, " Mt. Carmel, E. W. Hoff- man, Sec'y	7.00
203,	"	9,	" 247, " Landingville, D. C. Brown	10.00

204,	Aug.	9,	Camp 31, Pa., Altoona, Camp 31, meeting collection	*\$15.10
205,	"	9,	William J. Leeder, Bedford ..	1.00
206,	"	9,	George W. H. Thomas, Bridgeport.....	3.00
207,	"	9,	H. J. Stager, S. P., Philadelphia.....	9.35
208,	"	9,	J. H. Haas, Springfield, Ohio.....	1.00
209,	"	9,	Camp 53, Ohio, Burgoon, J. T. Fleming, Sec'y	4.75
210,	"	10,	" 240, Pa., Douglasville, E. P. Van Reed, Sec'y	3.00
211,	"	10,	" 268, " Reynoldsville, A. L. Best, D. P.	5.00
212,	"	10,	" 8, " Philadelphia, S. H. Beamer, Sec'y	5.00
213,	"	10,	" 1, " Philadelphia, T. H. Winkworth, Sec'y	10.00
214,	"	10,	" 67, " Womelsdorf, W. D. Filbert, Sec'y	5.00
215,	"	10,	" 43, " Chester, E. B. Clayton, Treas.	5.00
216,	"	10,	" 123, " Phoenixville, C. H. Howell, Sec'y	5.50
217,	"	10,	" 208, " Stockton, D. Curnow, Sec'y ..	*7.29
218,	"	10,	" 221, " Oley Line, J. S. Snyder, Sec'y	5.00
219,	"	10,	" 76, " Tremont, W. V. Lehman, Sec'y	3.00
220,	"	10,	" 167, " Mahanoy City, O. C. Lewis, Treas.	10.00
221,	"	10,	" 46, " Minersville, C. W. Phillips, Sec'y	5.00
222,	"	10,	" 5, Conn., Meriden, J. H. Parker, Sec'y	4.00
223,	"	10,	" 47, Pa., Schuylkill Haven, J. K. Helms,, P. N. P.....	*5.00
224,	"	10,	" 219, " Beaver Meadows, A. D. Bittner, Sec'y	*7.00
225,	"	10,	" 194, " Sunbury, W. P. Roberts, Sec'y	5.00
226,	"	10,	" 248, " Moscow, O. J. Gage, Sec'y ..	5.90
227,	"	10,	" 263, " Newton Hamilton, L. L. Martin, Sec'y	5.00
228,	"	10,	" 7, N. J., Trenton, J. S. Greenwald, D. P.	7.77
229,	"	10,	George W. Gable	1.00
230,	"	10,	Camp 208, Pa., Stockton	*17.71
231,	"	10,	" 179, " Weatherley	5.00
232,	"	10,	" 157, " Williamsport	*19.00
233,	"	10,	William M. Singerly, Philadelphia	50.00
234,	"	10,	Camp 110, Pa., Elizabethville	3.00

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235,	Aug.	10,	Camp 71, Pa., Ashland	\$11.48
236,	"	10,	William R. Rorer, Philadelphia.....	1.00
237,	"	10,	Camp, 84, Pa., Ashland	10.00
238,	"	10,	" 202, " Sugar Valley	5.00
239,	"	10,	Charles Hoernle, Reading	3.00
240,	"	10,	E. L. Hoffer, Reading	3.00
241,	"	10,	Cyrus Dissinger, Bismarck	1.00
242,	"	10,	A. L. Camany, Bismarck	1.00
243,	"	10,	James M. Dissinger, Bismarck	1.00
244,	"	10,	John A. Benner, Bismarck	1.00
245,	"	10,	Joseph E. Dissinger, Bismarck	1.00
246,	"	10,	A. M. Eby, Bismarck	1.00
247,	"	10,	Cyrus Crist, Bismarck	1.00
248,	"	10,	W. L. Ridgway, Bismarck	1.00
249,	"	10,	John H. Mease, Bismarck	1.00
250,	"	10,	John H. Kaufman, Bismarck	1.00
251,	"	10,	A. B. Zimmerman, Bismarck	1.00
252,	"	10,	John M. Eby, Bismarck	1.00
253,	"	10,	Dr. S. A. Brecht, Bismarck	1.00
254,	"	10,	Camp 265, Pa., Ringtown	*5.00
255,	"	10,	" 61, " Reading	25.00
256,	"	10,	" 101, " Philadelphia	5.00
257,	"	10,	" 137, " Plymouth	4.00
258,	"	10,	" 85, " Weishample	5.00
259,	"	10,	Charles W. Hoch, Weishample	2.00
260,	"	10,	William Weightman, Philadelphia	50.00
261,	"	10,	A. M. Collins, Philadelphia	10.00
262,	"	10,	Camp 165, Pa., Leesport	3.00
263,	"	10,	" 246, " Portland	5.00

\$2912.36

Received from Mt. Gretna Fête, held Sept. 29, 1886.

Credit of Lebanon County Camps 458.62

Total\$3370.98

Amount paid over to Centennial and Memorial Association
of Valley Forge\$3370.98

*Other contributions later or previous by the same Camps.

LATER APPROPRIATIONS BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE CAMP, PATRIOTIC ORDER SONS OF AMERICA.

In year 1888 in State Convention sessions	\$100.00
In year 1889 in State Convention sessions	450.00
In year 1890 in State Convention sessions	500.00
In year 1896 in State Convention sessions	250.00
In year 1900 in State Convention sessions	100.00

\$1400 00



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APPENDIX

Valley Forge Headquarters Corporation Dissolved

QUESTION: How to Distribute Fund?

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

OF JUNE TERM, A. D. 1910, NO. 32.

IN RE-AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNT OF THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION OF VALLEY FORGE ON PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

THE UNDERSIGNED, appointed Auditor to make distribution of the fund of fifteen thousand, five hundred and sixty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$15,566.50) remaining in the hands of the directors and officers of said Association, and of its accrued and accruing interest, to the parties legally entitled to the same, and to report his findings of fact and conclusions of law,

RESPECTFULLY REPORTS:

1. That, after having been duly qualified, and after giving due public and timely notice once a week for three weeks, in the daily newspapers of Norristown, to wit: The "Herald," "Times" and "Register" and in the "Montgomery County Law Reporter," of the time and place of holding his first meeting, as directed by the Court, he was met, in pursuance of said notice, at his office, No. 1 East Airy street, in the borough of Norristown, Pa., on Tuesday, the 26th day of July, A. D. 1910, at 10 o'clock A. M., by the following persons, viz:

Hon. R. H. Koch and James H. Wolfe, Esq., attorneys for H. J. Stager, secretary of The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, and trustee for P. O. S. of A. holding 3600 shares of stock in said association, and as an individual shareholder;

Ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, Richmond L. Jones, Esq., and J. P. Hale Jenkins, Esq., attorneys for the Commissioners of Valley Forge Park;

Mrs. Joseph Fornace, Regent, and Miss Emeline H. Hooven, attorney representing the Valley Forge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution;

Rev. W. Herbert Burk, representing himself and others, as shareholders; and H. J. Stager.

2. The fund for distribution was claimed by shareholders, by the Commissioners

of Valley Forge Park, and by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

3. The allegations and proofs of the claimants were heard, reduced to writing, and are hereto attached.

4. A second meeting was held, after enlargement of the order to the Auditor, at the same place, on Friday, the 16th day of September, 1910, at 10 o'clock, A. M., which was attended by Counsel for H. J. Stager, Trustee, the Attorneys for the Commissioners of Valley Forge Park, and by H. J. Stager; and further testimony was taken and argument of Counsel was heard.

5. A third meeting was held on the 5th October, 1910, at the office of the Auditor, which was attended by Hon. R. H. Koch, of Counsel for H. J. Stager, Secretary of The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge; Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker and J. P. Hale Jenkins, Esq., of Counsel for the Valley Forge Park Commission; and Miss Emeline H. Hooven, Attorney for the Valley Forge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; and H. J. Stager, and Mrs. Rebecca McInnes, Regent of The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge. Miss Hooven presented resolutions adopted by the Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R., claiming the fund for distribution "on account of Mrs. Anna Morris Holstein being the organizer and First Regent of the Valley Forge Centennial and Memorial Association, and also organizer and First Regent of the Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R.; authorizing the present Regent, Mrs. Ellen Knox Fornace, and her Attorney, Miss Emeline Henry Hooven, to appear before the Auditor and request him to award said fund to said Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R.; declaring, on receiving said money, they will use the same to erect, at Valley Forge, a monument in honor of Washington and the Continental Army encamped at Valley Forge; and appointing Miss Hooven the Attorney for said Chapter.

6. Subsequently much time was spent in completing and correcting the list of stockholders furnished by Mr. Stager, and comparing the same with the stock books, etc., which are stored at Washington's Headquarters, in charge of the Valley Forge Park Commission.

HISTORY OF THE CASE.

The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge.

"The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge" was duly incor-

porated under the General Corporation Act of 29th April, 1874, and its Supplements, by the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Penna., on the 5th July, A. D. 1878. It was the outgrowth of "The Valley Forge Centennial Association," which had successfully arranged for and carried out the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Evacuation of Valley Forge. To the noble band of patriotic women, aided by a few liberal-hearted citizens, who composed the Centennial Association, was assigned the task of deciding upon a fitting memorial to commemorate the first great event of the occupation and evacuation of the hills, forts and earthworks of Valley Forge and the close of the first century here. "It was suggested that no more fitting memorial could be designed than Washington's Headquarters, which had already stood the storms of more than one hundred years, and was filled with precious memories of the great Chieftain whose home it had been during the most trying memorable days of the Revolutionary struggle."

The purpose of the Association, as expressed in its Charter, was "to purchase, improve and preserve the lands and improvements thereon, occupied by General George Washington, at Valley Forge, and maintain them as a memorial park for all time to come."

The Association was authorized to have a Capital Stock not exceeding \$500,000, the par value thereof not to be less than One Dollar per share.

The business was to be transacted in Montgomery County, Pa., and the Charter was to be perpetual.

The incorporators were Wm. H. Holstein, of Upper Merion; John D. Eckman, of Upper Merion; Theo. W. Bean, of Norristown, Pa.; Anna M. Holstein, of Upper Merion; Rebecca McInnes, of Bridgeport; Helen C. Hooven, of Norristown, Pa., and J. P. Hale Jenkins, of Norristown, Pa.

The By-Laws provided for the sale of shares of stock, the issue of Certificates therefor to subscribers, and the transfer and voting of the same; also, for holding annual and special stockholders' meetings. The officers were to consist of a Regent, two Vice Regents, Secretary, Treasurer, twenty-one Directors, and an Executive Committee of five members, selected annually by the Board of Directors from their number. The Executive Committee were to have direct management and supervision of the Headquarters and other property, and the collection and arrangement of relics, make expenditures of such funds as the directors might, from time to time, direct, meet quarterly, inspect the property, and report to the Directors.

Mrs. Anna M. Holstein was elected as the first Regent. The patriotic women who were actively connected with the Association appealed to patriotic sisters throughout the country, and by personal contributions, fetes and various entertainments, collected about \$3000.

The Association, in 1879, purchased Washington's Headquarters, including 1½ acres of land, for \$6000, one-half of which was secured by mortgage. The land adjoining the Headquarters was rented to a tenant. A Janitor's Lodge was erected. An acre or more of additional ground, including the Washington Camp Spring, were purchased in 1889, as was also, in 1904, the adjoining property known as the Crawford property, holding the stone barn which served as a Hospital during the Revolutionary encampment.

The Association acquired altogether about five acres of ground and expended about \$14,000 upon the purchase. A House Executive Committee had supervision of the property affairs. A Warden was employed at a salary of \$360 per annum, with free house rent and privileges of ground. Absolutely no return was made for service except to the Warden; all others performed their duties without recompense, and attended the meetings at their own expense.

The Headquarters and grounds were thrown open to the public, but an admission fee of ten cents each was charged to enter the Headquarters. Other sources of income were the sale of Certificates of Stock, pictures and mementoes, and donations of small sums of money. \$5.00 or \$10.00, aggregating between 1886 and 1893 about \$50.00.

The revenues of the Association, despite the efforts of its members, were insufficient to pay the accruing interest of the \$3000 mortgage against the Headquarters. An earnest and successful appeal for aid was made to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, at its Convention held at Norristown, in 1885. An official excursion was made to Valley Forge during the Convention days. Later on, during the administration of Henry J. Stager, State President, the State Executive Committee held a meeting at Headquarters, in January, 1886, and unqualifiedly endorsed the patriotic project to liquidate the debt then resting upon Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge, and resolved to give the fullest aid, support and official influence towards a successful achievement of the noble work.

In the following year the order paid all the indebtedness of the association, including the \$3000 mortgage, and received in return 3600 shares of stock and a controlling voice in the management of the association.

In 1887 (Act 13th April, 1887 P. L. 52), the State Legislature appropriated \$5000 for the improvement, extension and preservation of the lands and buildings occupied by General George Washington, as his headquarters at Valley Forge, during the winter of 1777 and 1778. With this money the headquarters were restored to their original condition so far as possible, a janitor's lodge was erected, the grounds were improved generally and additional land was purchased. More than seven thousand visitors were yearly attracted to this beautiful and hallowed spot.

THE VALLEY FORGE PARK COMMISSION.

The Valley Forge Park Commission was created under the act of 30th May, 1893, P. L. 183, "for the acquisition by the State of certain ground at Valley Forge for a public park," and the Legislature appropriated the sum of \$25,000 towards the acquisition of title to, and ownership of, the ground covering the site on which the Continental Army, under General George Washington, was encamped during the winter of 1777-8, comprising about two hundred and fifty acres. "BUT NOT INCLUDING THEREIN THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS AND NOW OWNED BY THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION OF VALLEY FORGE."

The Commission was to comprise ten citizens of the State, appointed by the Governor, Hon. Robert E. Pattison. They were to serve five years without compensation. They were to organize annually. Provision was made for supplying vacancies. They were authorized and directed to secure said grounds and afterwards adopt plans for their improvement, preservation and maintenance, and carry the same into execution.

In 1895 (Act 3d July, 1895, P. L. 508) the Legislature made an additional appropriation of \$10,000 to complete the purchase or as condemnation money for lands taken for a public park by the Park Commissioners, and authorizing the Commissioners to accept, on behalf of the State, gifts of money or adjacent or contiguous lands for the purposes of a public park; and to permit the United States of America or any of the States thereof, to erect monuments or other memorials on park grounds upon terms and conditions deemed suitable to the Commissioners.

In 1901 (Act of 18th July, 1910, P. L. 748) \$2000 of a \$7500 appropriation was approved for the purpose of laying out and maintaining new roads and paths in said park.

In 1903 (Act 19th March, 1903, P. L.

37) the Legislature provided for the acquisition of additional ground for park purposes, in all not exceeding five hundred acres, "but not including * * * Washington's Headquarters * * * owned by the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge," and providing for police regulations. The Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, of counsel for the Park Commissioners, was then Governor, and approved the act.

The commission, in its report of 1904, called attention to the ten cent fee charged for admission to Washington's Headquarters, and recommended the acquisition of the property by the State. Favorable action was taken by the Legislature at its next session.

In 1905, accordingly (Act 7th April, 1905, P. L. 117), the same Governor made it possible, by his approval of the legislative act, to acquire still more ground for public park purposes, in all not exceeding 1000 acres, BUT NOT, AS HERETOFORE, EXCEPTING AND EXCLUDING WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS, OWNED BY THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION OF VALLEY FORGE.

In 1907 (Act of 28th May, 1907, P. L., 285,) the Park Commissioners were empowered to grant to railroad companies the right to connect their termini by tunnel beneath the park, without encroachment upon or interference with the surface of the park.

STATE APPROPRIATIONS.

Since the creation of the Park Commission the Legislature has made appropriations to it as follows:

1893.	For the purchase or condemnation of lands and making the old forts and intrenchments accessible to the public..	\$25,000
1895.	To complete the purchase or condemnation money for lands already taken by the State for a public park known as Valley Forge.....	10,000
1901.	For laying out and maintenance of roads and paths	\$2,000
	Incidental and necessary expenses of Commissioners	200
		<hr/> 2,200
1903.	For purchase or condemnation money	\$61,000
	Laying out and maintenance of roads	5,500
	Fencing the lands	2,500

Balance due upon judgment against the Commonwealth for lands condemned	1,500		
Future care, preservation and maintenance of redoubts and intrenchments and lands.....	3,500		
Incidental and necessary expenses of Commissioners	500		
		74,500	
1905. For purchase or condemnation money of lands.....	\$40,000		
Laying out and improvement of roads	45,250		
Painting and construction of fences	3,500		
Securing water supply	1,000		
Purchase and erection of proper markers of position of troops.	3,000		
Erection and construction of observatory ...	5,000		
Maintenance of redoubts and intrenchments and future care of lands and employment of superintendent ..	13,615		
Erection and construction of a stable	500		
Purchasing old cannon	500		
Planting trees...	500		
Purchasing fertilizers and work on lawns	1,200		
Erection of 3 guard houses...	750		
Necessary expenses of Commissioners	1,000		
		\$115,815	
1907. Maintenance, etc. of roads and paths	20,000		
Construction of fences and painting same and observatory	500		
Erection of markers showing location of Penna. Brigades	8,000		
		28,500	
			15,000
			1,000
			30,000
			1,500
			1,000
			2,600
			51,100
			\$307,115

It may be permissible to say, in passing, that of this total appropriation, \$190,315, or nearly two-thirds thereof, were approved by the Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, then Governor and now of counsel for the Park Commission, while Governor Stone, in 1901, approved of only \$2200 of an appropriation of \$13,000 asked for, and Governor Stuart, in 1907 and 1909, cut down a desired appropriation of \$177,730 to \$79,600.

CONDEMNATION OF WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS.

On the 3d of July, 1905, the Park Commissioners, being JOHN W. WOODSIDE, W. H. SAYEN, EDWARD A. PRICE, A. H. BOWEN, HENRY A. MUHLENBERG, SAMUEL S. HART, RANFT, J. P. HALE JENKINS, M. G. BRUMBAUGH, JOHN P. NICHOLSON and W. A. PATTON, presented their petition to the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for Montgomery County, Pa., setting forth, inter alia, the Acts of Assembly relating to the Commission and the acquisition of land for Valley Forge Park; that by resolution passed by said Commission on the 26th of June, 1905, it appropriated for park purposes a tract of 4.98 acres of land belonging to the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, popularly known as Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge; and they were unable to agree with the Association upon a price therefor; and praying, in behalf of said Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the appointment of a jury to ascertain and determine the value which should be paid to the Association for the premises appropriated and condemned.

On the same day a jury of three viewers was appointed by the court, and an order issued to them to view and value said premises.

The Centennial and Memorial Associa-

tion of Valley Forge filed a bill in equity in said court for an injunction to restrain the Park Commissioners from proceeding under said order of the court, but a rule to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue was discharged by the court.

At the hearings before the viewers it appeared in evidence that the State had appropriated (Act 13th April, 1887, P. L. 52) to the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge the sum of \$5000 to improve, extend and preserve Washington's Headquarters.

On the 9th of November, 1905, the viewers assessed the damages sustained by said Association at \$18,000, and on the 4th of December, 1905, filed their report in court, and the same was confirmed nisi, and subsequently, 9th of May, 1906, absolutely, no exceptions having been filed.

DISSOLUTION PROCEEDINGS.

The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, having been deprived of all its property, real and personal, by the above-mentioned condemnation proceedings on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, presented its petition to said court on the 2d of May, 1910, setting forth, inter alia, its incorporation, its purpose, the defeat of its purpose by said condemnation, the resolution of a majority in interest of the stockholders of said Association to dissolve, the authorization and direction of the Regent and Secretary of the Association by the Directors to institute dissolution proceedings, that the Association has no debts and is not subject to taxation, and that the Treasurer, J. M. Stauffer, has a cash balance of \$15,566.50 in his hands for distribution by the court, as shown by an account attached to the petition; and praying the court for permission to surrender its powers and a decree of dissolution. The Treasurer's account shows that the balance, \$15,566.50, is on deposit in the First National Bank of Hazleton, Pa., drawing interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum from 12th of April, 1910, and that the same was duly audited and also approved by the Directors of the Association.

The court on the same day fixed a hearing for the 13th of June, 1910, and directed notice thereof to be given by publication.

PARK COMMISSIONERS' BILL IN EQUITY.

On the 9th of June, 1910, W. H. Sayen, J. P. Nicholson, Samuel S. Hartmanft, J. P. Hale Jenkins, M. G. Brumbaugh, W. A. Patton, Richmond L. Jones, John W. Jordan, John T. Windrum and A. H. Bowen, Commissioners of Valley Forge Park, plaintiffs, filed in said court against

the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, defendant, their bill in equity, being No. 1, June Term, 1910, setting forth, inter alia, the incorporation of the defendant association, its acquisition by subscriptions and voluntary contributions of Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge IN TRUST "as a Memorial Park for all time to come," the acquisition of the same by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, whereby defendant Association became functus officio; the creation of the Commissioners of Valley Forge, their possession of the property of defendant association, and their charge "with every trust relating thereto as successors of the said association; said condemnation proceedings, and also said dissolution proceedings; that upon dissolution there would be no lawful custodian of the fund in the hands of the Treasurer of defendant association; and that the Commissioners of Valley Forge Park, being charged by law with the care of the property to which the said trust fund is dedicated, are, therefore, the logical successors to said trust fund; and praying the court to appoint plaintiffs, ex-officio, successors to the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge as Trustee of said trust fund, and to direct payment of the same to said successors."

DECREE OF DISSOLUTION.

At the hearing on the application for dissolution on the 18th of June, 1910, the plaintiffs in said bill in equity were duly represented. The court decreed, inter alia, that said Association be dissolved and its powers, franchises and privileges be thereby extinguished and determined, the decree to go into effect upon filing a certified copy thereof and recording the same in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and that the accounts of the directors and officers attached to the petition be thereby approved and confirmed.

ORDER OF DISTRIBUTION.

On the same day, 18th June, 1910, the Court further directed that said fund should be distributed, there being several claimants desiring to submit proofs and allegations of their rights and title to the fund, and appointed the present Auditor to make distribution of the same and its accrued and accruing interest, to the parties legally entitled thereto. The Court, at the same time, referred to the filing of said Bill in Equity and to the contention of the plaintiffs therein that they are, ex-officio, the successors to the Centennial and Memorial Association, as trustees of said fund of \$15,566.50, and accordingly intimated that "no final disposition of the fund should be made by the Auditor until said Bill is disposed of or until the rights of the plaintiffs under said Bill are adjudicated. The

Auditor, however, can hold his meeting or meetings and hear the proofs of the several claimants to the fund, in the meantime, but he will not file his report until the further order of the Court."

TREASURER'S INTERVENTION AND ANSWER.

On the 25th June, 1910, J. M. Stauffer, Treasurer of said Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, applied to the Court for leave to intervene as a party defendant in said Bill in Equity, and a rule to show cause, etc., was granted, returnable on the 5th day of September, 1910.

Treasurer Stauffer, on the 9th July, 1910, filed an answer to the Bill in Equity. He averred, *inter alia*, the filing and recording of the Court's decree of dissolution in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and that said Association had, therefore, no legal existence; denied that the declared purpose of the Association is stated in its Charter as a PUBLIC purpose; denied that the Association has become FUNCTUS OFFICIO; denied that the Commissioners of Valley Forge Park "are charged with every trust relating thereto (property formerly belonging to the Association but now in the possession of said Commissioners) as SUCCESSORS of said Association;" and averred, also, that said fund could not be disposed of under plaintiff's Bill, the same being a collateral proceeding and should be dismissed, and that he is the principal and only party in interest so far as concerns the custody of said fund until distribution be made thereof by the Court; and praying the Court that he might be hence dismissed with costs, &c.

ENLARGEMENT OF AUDITOR'S DUTIES.

On the 16th September, 1910, the Court made a further order that the Auditor appointed in this case "be directed to proceed with the hearing before him as Auditor, and report to the Court his findings of fact and conclusions of law."

THE FUND FOR DISTRIBUTION.

The amount for distribution is \$15,566.50, being the balance in the hands of J. M. Stauffer, Treasurer of the dissolved Association, as shown by his account annexed to the petition for dissolution, and accrued and accruing interest thereon.

CLAIMANTS OF THE FUND.

The fund for distribution is claimed by
1. STOCKHOLDERS OF THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION OF VALLEY FORGE, to wit: H. J. STAGER, Chairman of the Board

of Trustees of the State Camp of Penna., P. O. S. of A., who, as such is custodian of Stock Certificate No. 5172 for 1400 shares at \$1.00, or \$1400; H. J. STAGER, Trustee for 3600 shares issued to him in trust for the following:

PENNSYLVANIA CAMPS.

Washington Camps, P. O. S. of A. Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, 14, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 43, 46, 47, 49, 50, 51, 53, 57, 58, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, 72, 73, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 84, 85, 86, 87, 89, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 100, 101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 110, 111, 112, 114, 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, 123, 124, 125, 132, 134, 137, 142, 143, 147, 148, 149, 150, 154, 155, 156, 157, 161, 163, 165, 167, 168, 173, 178, 179, 185, 191, 192, 194, 196, 202, 206, 208, 213, 215, 218, 219, 221, 222, 224, 227, 230, 231, 233, 235, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 246, 247, 248, 249, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 257, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 272, 274.

PENNSYLVANIA COMMANDERIES.

Lexington Commandery, P. O. S. of A. No. 2.
Philadelphia Commandery, P. O. S. of A., No. 4.
Montgomery Commandery, P. O. S. of A., No. 15.
Garfield Commandery, P. O. S. of A., No. 21.

CONNECTICUT CAMPS.

Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., No. 1.
Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., No. 5.

NEW JERSEY CAMPS.

Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., No. 7.

Camp 53, P. O. S. of A., Ohio.
Daughters of America, No. 1.

INDIVIDUALS.

J. A. Batt, J. F. Baumeister, J. F. Benner, John A. Benner, George F. Blatchford, Edward Bowser, Dr. S. A. Brecht, M. B. Brenamin, A. L. Camany, E. M. Chilcord, Cyrus Christ, E. B. Clayton, A. M. Collins, Dr. J. M. Cooper, David Davis, F. A. Davis, Cyrus Dissinger, James M. Dissinger, Joseph E. Dissinger, W. H. Dodson, John C. Donat, A. M. Eby, John M. Eby, J. A. Eichelberger, Martin Eichelberger, J. F. Encyart, John Evans, G. B. Fluke, J. S. Ford, George W. Gable, Daniel J. Gensemer, George W. Gensemer, J. H. Haas, J. W. Hamilton, M. H. Hartzell, I. A. Heald, T. F. Heebner, Samuel Heiser, S. M. Helms, P. C. Hess, Charles Hoernle, E. L. Hoffer, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein (for Philadelphians); J. P. Johnson, John H. Kaufman, C. W. Hoch, James H. Hay, Grant Kline,

Charles W. Koch, J. Shindel Krause, M. C. Kriebel, H. P. Kutz, R. C. Lashell, W. J. Leeder, A. J. Leth, I. K. Little, Charles E. Logan, John McCary, John H. Mease, J. E. Neary, J. W. Niggs, John C. Norton, J. P. Painter, W. S. Painter, H. H. Pfeiffer, Ed. Printz, William Printz, Levi F. Putt, Val. Raudenbush, W. L. Ridgway, J. S. Ritchey, Henry Roberts, William R. Rorer, William Ross, H. A. Schrader, George W. Schwartz, Reynold Sedders, Robert A. Shepherd, J. W. Simon, W. E. Simons, William M. Singerly, A. J. Snowberger, H. J. Stager, E. Stees, A. F. Stokes, George W. H. Thomas, F. S. Tobias, Willis C. Tobias, J. S. Vetter, J. H. Ward, William Weand, William Weightman, D. F. White, J. W. Wilson, William Witmer, S. J. Woelfley, A. B. Zimmerman and J. Lyman Zimmerman, and Montgomery District Delegates.

Of the above-named Camps, the following became defunct after Mr. Stager became Trustee for them. Their numbers were given to new Camps of the P. O. S. of A., established at other places in Pennsylvania, viz: Nos. 8, 71, 123, 132, 168, 202, 248 and 263; and H. J. Stager, one share, Certificate No. 3051; Rev. W. Herbert Burk, holder of Certificate No. 4205, for one share of stock issued to George Ellis and assigned to Rev. W. Herbert Burk, and of Certificate No. 4206, for one share of stock issued to Emily M. Ellis, now deceased, and assigned by her administrator to Rev. W. Herbert Burk, both assignments being approved by R. T. S. Hallowell, Secretary of the Association.

2. THE COMMISSIONERS OF VALLEY FORGE PARK;

3. THE VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. THE CONTENTION.

Distribution of the fund in question, it is conceded by the claimants, is governed by the Act of 9th April, 1856, P. L. 293, Section 1, which reads as follows, viz:

"It shall be lawful for any Court of Common Pleas of the proper county to hear the petition of any corporation, under the seal thereof, by and with the consent of a majority of a meeting of the corporators, duly convened, praying for permission to surrender any power contained in its charter, or for the dissolution of such corporation and if such court shall be satisfied that the prayer of such petition may be granted, without prejudice to the public welfare, or the interests of the corporators, the court may enter a decree in accordance with the prayer of the petition, whereupon such power shall cease, or such corporation be dissolved; Provided, That the surrender of any such power shall not in any wise remove any limitation or re-

striction in such charter; and that the accounts of the managers, directors or trustees of any dissolved company shall be settled in such court, and be approved thereby; and dividends of the effects shall be made among any corporators entitled thereto, as in the case of the accounts of assignees and trustees; Provided further, That no property devoted to religious, literary or charitable uses shall be diverted from the objects for which they were given or granted; Provided, That the decree of said court shall not go into effect until a certified copy thereof be filed and recorded in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth."

In behalf of the stockholders it is contended that the Association is not a public charity nor was its property devoted to charitable uses; that Stager, Trustee, and the State Camp, at least, paid their money into the Association not as a gift, nor as a loan, but with the distinct understanding that their representatives should be admitted into the Association for the purpose of controlling it at all times; deny the right of the Park Commissioners to claim the fund as the legal successors of the Association; assert that the use to which the Valley Forge Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution would devote the fund is too indefinite; that the Association's approval of the transfer of certificates of stock shows that it considered the same a thing of substantial value and not mere evidence of a gift; and that, therefore, the fund must be distributed among the stockholders; but if not to them, nor to any of the other claimants, then it would escheat under the Act of 2d May, 1889, P. L. 66.

The Park Commissioners contend that the Association existed for a charitable use within the meaning of the proviso of the Act of 1856; that said use was a public one; that the issuing of stock was a mere convenience to solicit contributions; that the purchasers of shares of stock knew the public and patriotic object of the Association, and gave their money as a gift with no thought of a pecuniary return; and that, therefore, the fund for distribution cannot revert to the donors, nor be divided among the stockholders or members, but must be applied in furtherance of the charity; and that under the Cy pres doctrine and the Act of 9th May, 1889, P. L. 173, providing,

"That no disposition of property heretofore or hereafter made for any religious or charitable use shall fail for want of a Trustee*** but it shall be the duty of any court having equity jurisdiction in the proper county to supply a trustee and by its decrees to carry into effect the intent of the donor or testator so far as the same can be ascertained and carried into effect consistent with law or equity."

It is the duty of the court not to allow this charitable use to fail for want of a trustee but, under its equitable powers, to supply a trustee and apply the fund to an object reasonably approximating the purpose of the donors, namely, the Park Commissioners who are created for a purpose identical with that of the defunct Centennial and Memorial Association and may be legally appointed a trustee for public purposes germane to its object.

The Valley Forge Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution also lay claim to the fund, (a) "on account of Mrs. Anna Morris Holstein being the organizer and First Regent of the Valley Forge Centennial and Memorial Association, and also organizer and First Regent of the Valley Forge Chapter D. A. R.;" (b) "to erect at Valley Forge a monument in honor of Washington and the Continental Army encamped at Valley Forge, and who aided in the successful struggle for independence."

These contentions raise questions of fact involving the purpose of the Association, its method of conducting its business, its relation to the stockholders and to the public, its sources of revenue and expenditures, its relation to the P. O. S. of A. and individual Camps, and the character and functions of the Park Commission and of the Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R.

FINDINGS OF CONTROLLING FACTS

1. THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION OF VALLEY FORGE.

Purpose of the Association.

The purpose for which The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge was formed, was in its nature public and patriotic. In the newspaper notices of the proposed application for incorporation the object was expressed to be "to purchase, hold, and improve the Washington Headquarters of Valley Forge and lands adjacent thereto and appropriate them to historical and humane purposes;" "to historical and humane uses." The Charter expresses the purpose to be "to purchase, improve and preserve the lands and improvements thereon, occupied by General George Washington, at Valley Forge, and maintain them as a memorial park for all time to come." The decree of incorporation finds the application within the purposes named in the first class specified in the second section of the General Corporation Act of 1874, namely, for "a public park," and incorporates the subscribers to the Charter "for the purposes and upon the terms therein stated."

The By-Laws state the object of the Association to be as set forth in the Act of Incorporation and "also to col-

lect and preserve relics and objects of interest connected with the Revolutionary War, and especially with Valley Forge."

These objects and purposes were never changed or altered by amendment to the Charter or By-Laws, but were strictly adhered to by the Association.

CAPITAL STOCK.

This Corporation of the first class was invested with the usual powers given under the law and its charter and particularly, but perhaps unusually for corporations of that class, with the power of issuing Capital Stock. The Capital Stock was not to exceed \$500,000, and the par value was not to be less than one dollar per share. The By-Laws provided that the shares of stock should "be sold at such times and in such manner as the Board of Directors shall (should) deem proper." They were to be "issued to each subscriber, stating the number of shares subscribed and paid for by the holder," bearing the signatures of the Regent and Secretary with the seal of the Association. Transfers of stock were not to be made except endorsed upon the certificates of Stock and attested by the Secretary with the seal of the Association attached, and recorded upon the books of the Association.

So far as can be ascertained at this time, after great labor and care, the Association issued 7618 shares of stock.

Neatly printed Certificates, suitable for framing, were issued in the following form:

No. _____ Share \$1.00
CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION OF VALLEY FORGE.

1778. 1878.

This is to certify that _____ is entitled to one share of stock in the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge.

(Signed) ANNA M. HOLSTEIN,
Regent.

Printed Seal
Centennial and
Memorial Association of
Valley Forge.

November 9th,
1886.

That is the form of the Certificate issued to H. J. Stager in trust for P. O. S. of A., for 3600 shares.

The Certificate issued to Pennsylvania State Camp, P. O. S. of A., for 1400 shares, is in form as follows:

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

No. 5172. \$1400.00.
THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.
of Valley Forge.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that The Pennsylvania State Camp, P. O. S. of A., having paid Fourteen Hundred Dollars is entitled to 1400 Shares of the Capital Stock of The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge.

Transferable only on the books of the Company, in person or by attorney, upon the surrender of this Certificate.

Witness the hand of the Regent and Secretary, and the Seal of the Corporation, this 19th day June A. D., 1905

(Signed) REBECCA McINNES,
Regent.

Attest:
R. T. S. HALLOWELL,
Secretary.

Seal of The
Centennial and
Memorial Asso-
ciation of Val-
ley Forge.

The Certificates of Stock, No. 4205, issued to George Ellis, and No. 4206, issued to Emily M. Ellis, for one share each, were transferred on the 29th of May, 1906, and 17th of June, 1907, respectively, to Rev. W. Herbert Burk, of Norristown, Pa. They assigned their "whole right, title and interest" in said shares and constituted "him, his assigns and substitutes, my attorney and attorneys, with full power to receive, in his or their name or names, certificate for said share," and the assignments were "approved" by the Secretary of the Association under it stamped seal.

The Certificates were printed for one share only. Ninety certificates were issued for more than one share each, notably to

Hon. Heister Clymer, 20 shares.

George W. Childs, Philadelphia, contribution, \$200, 200 shares.

William M. Singerly, Philadelphia, contribution, \$50, 50 shares.

Charles W. Roberts, Chester Co., contribution, \$100, 100 shares.

Mrs. Charles W. Roberts, contribution, \$100, 100 shares.

William Weightman, Philadelphia, 50 shares.

H. J. Stager, for P. O. S. of A., representing 3600 shares.

Lincoln Institution, 308 S. Eleventh street, 25 shares.

Northern Home, presented by Emily Bell, 25 shares.

Institutional Home for Girls, by Emily Bell, 25 shares.

Clinton St. Boarding House, by Emily Bell, 25 shares.

Lombard St. Boarding House, by Emily Bell, 25 shares.

Penna. State Camp, P. O. S. of A., 1400 shares.

The certificates issued were numbered

from 1 to 106; 301 to 415; 418 to 456; 701 to 779; 1101 to 1200; 1401 to 1499; 1801 to 1994; 2801 to 2811; 3001 to 3162; 3198 to 3226; 3301 to 3334; 3400 to 3723; 3801 to 3813; 4001 to 4010; 4101 to 4150; 4201 to 4238; 4251; 4501 to 4556; 4801 to 4804; 5051 to 5063; 5101 to 5172; 5401 to 5450; 5551 to 5554; 5651 to 5684; 5851 to 5866; 6001 to 6010, all inclusive.

A number of certificates were issued in exchange for others that had been issued. Some of the stubs in the stock books were not filled up. A few certificates were cancelled, and a few others were returned. Certificate No. 3541 was destroyed, and No. 3547 was "sacrificed to a mistake in penmanship." Certificates No. 4101 to 4109 inclusive, were duplicated. A large number of certificates remained unissued. The residence address of most of the subscribers is given in the stub books. Most of the subscribers are Pennsylvanians, representing all parts of the State, but some hail from Iowa, Ohio, District of Columbia, New York, Illinois, Montana Territory, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, California, Connecticut, Wyoming, Michigan, West Virginia, Vermont, Delaware, Colorado and Kentucky.

Certificates for one share of stock were issued to some of the most prominent and patriotic citizens of the Union, to children, one to "— Clegg (infant not named)," to Normal Schools, High Schools, Public Schools, Library Societies, Co. E., 4th Regiment, N. G. P. Hamburg, Chamber of Commerce, Phila., Commercial Exchange of Phila., "In Memoriam," of Commodore Stephen Decatur, Lieutenant S. D. McKnight, Lieut. Wm. D. Hunt, Major Levi Twiggs, U. S. M. C. and Lieut. Geo. D. Twiggs, and others; individual members of large families, Fire Engine Company, and many Camps of the P. O. S. of A.

Certificates for one share of stock each were issued to Ex-Judge R. H. Koch and James H. Wolfe, Esq., Counsel for H. J. Stager, but the names of the patriotic Counsel for the Park Commissioners are missing from the list although ex-Governor Pennypacker bought shares of stock for himself and for each member of his family and has the certificates and Mr. Jenkins also is the owner of one share. The Auditor is not disqualified by reason of direct interest as a shareholder. The residences of many subscribers are not given or known. Some of the subscribers are known to be deceased.

The names and addresses of stockholders and the number of shares for which certificates of stock were issued to them are, so far as ascertainable, set forth in Schedule "A," hereto attached. The list is by no means full and complete. The records prior to 1886 are incomplete. A list was prepared at one time by Secre-

tary Wm. H. Holstein, from the old records of the Association, but was not considered complete. Many shares were issued prior to 1886 of which no record was kept.

NO DIVIDENDS.

The Association did not provide in its Charter or By-Laws for declaring or paying dividends, had no dividend book, never paid any dividend, and, according to H. J. Stager, never expected to divide any monies among the stockholders, as "the whole object of the Association was to maintain the Headquarters and the land associated with it as a memorial."

RELATION TO THE PUBLIC.

The grounds and Washington's Headquarters were thrown open to the public, admission to the former being free and to the latter ten cents. The historic spot has become a Mecca at the shrine of which thousands of patriots the world over worship annually.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

The revenues of the Association came from the following sources:

Personal contributions, proceeds of fetes and entertainments, \$3000; issue of certificates of stock, \$7618; donations in sums of \$5 or \$10, between 1886 and 1893, \$50; admission fee of ten cents to Washington's Headquarters, not shown; sale of pictures and souvenirs, not shown; State appropriation, 1887, \$5000. Less than \$25,000 was received from all sources. The funds were not kept separate, nor were separate accounts kept.

EXPENDITURES.

The proceeds from the sale of souvenirs and from admission fees were used to pay the janitor and caretaker, taxes and current expenses. The warden was paid a salary of \$360 per annum. All other officials served without compensation and without reimbursement for traveling expenses. About \$14,000 were expended on grounds and buildings. The lodge cost about \$3000, and repairs to the Headquarters and other indebtedness were paid and satisfied through the efforts of the P. O. S. of A. in Pennsylvania. The \$5000 received from the State was expended in the purchase of additional ground, the erection of a janitor's lodge, the improvement of the grounds, and the restoration of the Headquarters to their original condition.

The P. O. S. of A.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America in Pennsylvania played a noble and patriotic part in the affairs of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, due chiefly to the energy and un-

selfish patriotism of H. J. Stager, one of the claimants of the fund as trustee for various camps and individuals. His record as a Patriotic Son of America is a proud and enviable one. He was the first National President of the Order, National Secretary for 13½ years, and for several years Secretary of the Mortuary Fund. He was one of the original incorporators of State Camp in 1867, under a special Act of Assembly. He served as State Secretary during 17½ years, State President for 1 year from 1885 to 1886, and Chairman of the State Board of Trustees for 30 years. He founded the "Camp News" in 1867, and was its editor until 1904. When he was President, in 1885, and the Association, through Camp 114, at Norristown, Pa., appealed to the Patriotic Order at its convention held at Norristown in that year, an official excursion was made during the convention days to Valley Forge, and in January, 1886, the State Executive Committee held a meeting at Washington's Headquarters and endorsed the patriotic project to liquidate the Association's debts, including the \$3000 mortgage against the Headquarters, and resolved to give the fullest aid and official influence to a successful achievement of the noble work.

On the 19th January, 1886, the State Executive Committee, of which Mr. Stager was the head, sent a neatly printed circular letter in pamphlet form to the various camps calling attention to the \$3000 mortgage indebtedness against Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge, which had been "purchased by a number of patriotic ladies who organized themselves into a society known as "The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge," that the order had been "appealed to for aid in freeing this cherished historic ground from debt, in order that it may be the more effectively dedicated to the patriotic uses intended by its purchase;" that "Valley Forge and its sacred historic associations appeal to the Patriotic Order Sons of America," and that "it will be an honor for our noble order to redeem this indebtedness and be an equitable and joint owner of the premises secured by the purchasers." * * * "The premises will be self-supporting when paid for—the revenue from visitors will be ample to keep them in good order and repair." The Executive Committee further suggested that "with due care the Mansion House of the Great Commander-in-Chief and Lady Washington can be preserved for many centuries, and will become a shrine of American patriotism." Further, "Let us with one heart join the noble band of American women who have honorably resolved that the purchase money shall be paid."

The letter then states that the Execu-

tive Committee on January 9th, 1886, gave its unqualified endorsement of the patriotic project to liquidate said debt. commends "the consideration of this worthy enterprise to each camp" and asks "the earnest and fraternal co-operation" of the members of the order "within this State and Union," who should consider it a "privilege as well as a duty to do something in behalf of this worthy and praiseworthy object," and "in view of this patriotic project" requests each camp to make special occasion of Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1886, by public entertainment or otherwise, and devote the proceeds to the aforesaid purpose, "contributions for the fund" to be forwarded to the State President.

On April 5th, 1886, Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, Regent of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, said in a letter addressed to H. J. Stager, State President, after thanking him for "Camp News" of April 1st, and expressing a feeling of gratification at the earnest response of the Patriotic Order working for the Valley Forge Fund, which indicated, at no distant day, a grand success, "a result which will forever associate the P. O. S. of A. with Washington's historic Headquarters at Valley Forge, and give to them honor as enduring as the Republic."

Although quite a number of Camps responded, nevertheless, on April 13, 1886, State President Stager circulated among the Camps a second official letter, stating that by reason of the first appeal 35 Camps had responded, but less than one-third of the necessary amount had been contributed, and of those contributions one-half of that amount had been contributed by 5 of the practical Camps, there being in the whole State 143 Camps and 16 Commanderies, interrogating, "Was there ever a stronger appeal for financial aid to show the practical patriotism of our Order than this, and could we permit another to step in our place and relieve us of the labor and high honor of success in this noble work?" The appeal continues:

"The money is asked not to be loaned, nor is it an investment to give interest. It is simply this—Will the Sons of America purchase the first and only mortgage now upon the property and become its holder for all future time? In doing so the Order will become a joint owner with the aforesaid Ladies' Association, not a simple stockholder, but, in effect, the owner. After the mortgage is purchased, its value can, if desired, be turned into the Association for so many shares of stock (one for each dollar) and the order become entitled to all its franchises. We see no advantage, however, exceeding the office of first mortgage

holder, yet that is an after question which the purchasers may determine at the proper time.

"It is proposed in the assignment to recite the number of each Camp contributing \$25, or over, about as follows: 'To Washington Camps, Nos — (name all \$25 contributors and over), and all others holding certificates of contribution signed by the State Executive Committee of Pennsylvania.'"

The letter continues: "Let us show our deep abiding love for the hallowed associations clustering around this sacred building, and a never-failing veneration of the many sacrifices our illustrious sires made to secure our present liberties, by an immediate response to the call for funds wherewith to cancel the mortgage."

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"Individual contributions may also be made."

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"Each contributor in the sum of \$1 or over will receive a neat certificate, which will look well in frame and be a fitting adornment for the wall of a Camp Room."

A third official appeal was sent to the subordinate Camps by the State Executive Committee, July 24th, 1886, in which it was asserted that: "Thus far one-third of our Camps in this State alone have contributed \$2200—about three-fourths of the amount necessary. Will not the other two-thirds and the remaining one-fourth at once?"

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And also:

"The object is, simply to clear off the indebtedness of the \$3000 mortgage now upon Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge. In doing so, we will not only receive a mortgage for the full amount named, but also three thousand shares of stock in the Centennial Association, which will give us a full majority vote in its future direction and care."

"The work will forever associate our cause with Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge, and give to our Order honor as enduring as the Republic."

In a postscript was added:

"Each contributing Camp or individual sending \$1.00 or over will receive a handsomely printed certificate receipt in reply."

State President Stager, in his Valedictory Address delivered at the 21st Annual Session of the State Camps of Pennsylvania of the P. O. S. of A., held at Altoona, August 10th and 11th, 1886, in reviewing the efforts of the Order to raise sufficient funds to liquidate the mortgage indebtedness against Washington's Headquarters, said, among other things:

"I would here suggest that a committee of thirteen be selected from among our representative members of the order, who are willing to devote some time and the necessary expenditure of means to travel for the purpose of holding committee meetings, etc., to complete the work and that they have full power to act in every way. It will be impossible for this convention to accomplish the details as satisfactorily as this committee could do, and being an entirely voluntary matter in the camps, the contributors should be permitted in some way to direct the trusteeship constituted in this proposed committee of 13, and such provision should be included in the governing rules."

The committee to whom was referred the State president's address, and which was headed by James H. Wolfe, Esq., one of the attorneys in this proceeding, suggested and recommended, *inter alia*, as follows:

"As to the suggestion relative to the Valley Forge matter, we take leave to report the following resolution for your consideration:

"Whereas, The project to free the historic grounds of Valley Forge, known as Washington's Headquarters, from debt has proved a popular, prosperous and patriotic undertaking;

"Whereas, The several camps of the Patriotic Order Sons of American in the State of Pennsylvania have raised the requisite funds for said enterprise;

"And, Whereas, the glory and commendation of said project will redound to the honor and renown of our grand and distinguished order; therefore, be it

"First—Resolved, That the Patriotic Order Sons of America of the State of Pennsylvania, in annual State camp assembled, do hereby endorse, approve and commend said project and promise their unfaltering support and hearty co-operation in perfecting the final consummation of the same.

"Second—Resolved, That for the better and more effective application of the Valley Forge funds, to the purpose intended by the aforesaid project, a board of thirteen trustees be created, of which the present State president, Brother H. J. Stager, shall be chairman, with power to select his associates, said Trustees to be subject to the provisions of the Declaration of Trust governing their appointment."

Both resolutions were duly adopted by the State Camp, notwithstanding that the second resolution had previously been laid on the table.

The State camp at said session also adopted a resolution to "supply the deficit in the Valley Forge fund and that stock be issued for said amount, in the name of the State Camp;" and also, on motion of ex-Judge Koch, of counsel in

the present proceeding, "that the retiring State president, H. J. Stager, appoint a board of thirteen trustees (including himself), of which he shall be chairman, from among the delegates of this State Camp from subordinate camps having contributed \$25 and upward toward the Valley Forge fund, for the purpose of developing a scheme for the management and disposition of said fund."

The following were appointed trustees:

J. H. Hoffer, Frank L. Murphy, R. H. Koch, R. T. S. Hallowell, Irwin S. Smith, W. H. Schwartz, H. A. Klock, S. M. Helms, James K. Helms, J. H. Dugan, H. R. Fleming and F. G. Hobson.

The State Camp also, by the way, took formal notice of the retirement of State President Stager from office, in a series of congratulatory resolutions "upon the unprecedented success and excellence of his administration as president of the State Camp during the year 1885-6."

The \$3000 mortgage against Washington's Headquarters was afterwards paid out of funds raised as aforesaid, and the mortgage was duly satisfied of record, and was not assigned to the P. O. S. of A., as had been first intended. From that time forward the P. O. S. of A. had a majority (13 of the 18, afterwards 21, members) of the Board of Directors. A certificate for 3600 shares of stock was issued to H. J. Stager, trustee. Later a certificate for 1400 shares of stock was issued to the Pennsylvania State Camp P. O. S. of A., on the 19th of June, 1905, which also Mr. Stager holds in trust.

At first blush it might seem that Henry J. Stager, a claimant here, had, as an individual and as a trustee for patriotic camps and individuals, cast to the winds his patriotic breathings as State President, as shown above; but on due deliberation the law puts him in a quandary. He is the legal trustee of many camps and individuals, holding 5000 certificates of stock for them, or nearly two-thirds of all the shares issued, so far as can be ascertained. If the fund in question is distributable among stockholders he is entitled to nearly \$10,000 as such trustee and is accountable to his *cestui que trustent* for that amount. Some of these may now prefer money to honor. If he stands by and allows this fund to be distributed without claim, objection or protest he violates his duties as trustee and becomes guilty of negligence. Standing in the dual capacity of a true patriot and a dutiful trustee, he lays strenuous claim to this fund through able and patriotic counsel, invoking the law to point out to him his legal duty in the face of conflicting interests, so that in the end it must be said, "Well done, thou good and faithful patriot and trustee."

3. THE COMMISSIONERS OF VALLEY FORGE PARK. CHARACTER OF THE COMMISSION.

The first interest manifested by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the sacred historic spot of Valley Forge was in 1887, when its Legislature appropriated the sum of \$5000 to the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge for the improvement, extension and preservation of the lands and buildings occupied by General George Washington as his headquarters at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-8. This was in strict conformity to the chartered purpose of the Association. The Association up to this time struggled hard with poverty. The revenues were insufficient to pay interest upon the \$3000 purchase money mortgage. The Masonic Fraternity had been appealed to for aid without result. A successful appeal had, however, been made to the patriotism of the P. O. S. of A., which paid off the mortgage. But a janitor's lodge was needed, the grounds needed improvement and additional land was wanted, including Washington's Spring and the stone barn which served as a hospital during those suffering days of Revolutionary encampment. It was then that the patriotism of the Commonwealth was appealed to and responded with \$5000, which was applied towards the purposes named.

But it was necessary and desirable to acquire additional grounds in order to make a great public park and military camp commensurate with the importance of the historic events there transacted. It was desirable to acquire ownership of lands whereon had been built the forts, redoubts and entrenchments of those Revolutionary days, and to put them in their original condition as nearly as possible. Roads and paths were needed to make these forts and entrenchments accessible to the public. Fences were needed, a water supply, markers, trees, lawns, etc., etc. The noble efforts of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, materially aided by the patriotic efforts of the P. O. S. of A., awakened the slumbering patriotism of not only Pennsylvania patriots, but of patriotic citizens and Commonwealths throughout the Union. The demands for at least a State, if not a National Park, at Valley Forge, worthy of the Revolutionary heroism displayed there, overleaped the bounds, capacity and purposes of the Centennial and Memorial Association. The outcome was the legislation hereinbefore set out, vesting in the State of Pennsylvania not exceeding 1000 acres of land for Valley Forge Park; creating the Park Commission to maintain the same and the fortifications thereon, as nearly as possible, in their original condition as a military camp, for the enjoyment of

the people of the State; and appropriating, so far, over \$300,000 for said purposes. At first, however, between 1893 and 1904, the State was laboring hand-in-hand with the Centennial and Memorial Association in the noble work, leaving undisturbed the acquisitions and possessions of the Association. But the financial weakness of the Association and the desire to gather all the historic ground of Valley Forge into the public park inspired the Legislature of 1905 to make possible the vesting, condemnation and acquisition by the State of the grounds and headquarters owned by the Association. Ten distinguished Pennsylvania patriots were appointed by Governor Pattison Park Commissioners. Provision is made for organization and supply of vacancies. They were empowered by the Legislature to commence condemnation proceedings for land taken by the State for park purposes where they could not agree with the owners as to price; to adopt plans for the improvement, preservation and maintenance of the Park and carry the same into execution; to make necessary arrangements for the encampment of the National Guard at the pleasure of the Governor as Commander-in-Chief; "to accept, on behalf of the State, any gift or gifts of money or of lands, contiguous or adjacent to the lands taken or to be taken for the said public park, and to be held and used for the purposes thereof; to permit the United States, or any State thereof, to erect monuments or memorials, and to make and maintain police regulations.

Under these powers the Park Commissioners condemned and the State acquired the property and possessions of the Centennial and Memorial Association, and practically destroyed its very life and purpose of existence. But the destruction of the association did not destroy the fruition of the purpose for which the association was created, but enabled the State, through its Park Commissioners, to carry the identical purpose of the Association into fuller execution on a larger and grander scale. Doubtless, if the State had seen fit to appropriate the same sums of money to the Association as it appropriated to the Park Commissioners, the same or similar result, by proper and harmonious management, might have been accomplished. But the State did not see fit to do so. In assuming this burden of government, of which it had theretofore been relieved by the Association, the Commonwealth preferred to acquire sole ownership and control, and to exercise the same through its own chosen body of ten patriotic and distinguished Commissioners.

The wisdom and patriotism of the State's action admits of no serious question. Valley Forge Park, even today, is not only a fitting monument to the he-

roic sufferings of our Revolutionary ancestors, but as well to the patriotism of the State and to all the noble men and women who, in the early movements, contributed their mite and their unselfish labors, and whose names are in any way connected with the Valley Forge Park; and especially to that noble band of pioneer patriots, the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, and its financial coadjutor, the P. O. S. of A., and specially of those, to Henry J. Stager.

The certificates of stock issued by the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, if they are not today, will in time be treasured as priceless heirlooms to adorn the walls of patriotic homes and camp rooms all over this broad land. Even at the time of issue they were regarded by many holders as certificates of honor, worthy to be taken "in memoriam" of loved patriots who had gone to their reward, or put in the last name of unnamed infants. Even State President Stager, of the P. O. S. of A., aptly told his brothers in an appeal for practical patriotism that, "Each contributor in the sum of \$1 or over will receive a neat certificate which will look well in frame and be a fitting adornment for the wall of a Camp Room."

4. THE VALLEY FORGE CHAPTER, D. A. R.

The Valley Forge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, another claimant of said fund, is a branch of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The National Society is a patriotic association, not for profit. It was duly incorporated by Act of the Fifty-fourth Congress of the United States, approved 20th February, 1896, "for patriotic, historical and educational purposes; to perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments, by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results, by the preservation of documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries; to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, "to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge," thus developing an enlightened public opinion and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens; to cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; to foster true patriot-

ism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty."

The Society was also authorized to hold real and personal estate in the United States, as might be necessary to its lawful ends, to an amount not exceeding \$500,000, and might adopt a Constitution and By-Laws not inconsistent with law; and to have its headquarters and principal office at Washington, D. C. The Society adopted a constitution and by-laws. The Constitution provides, inter alia, for the organization of local chapters, states the object of the society to be the same as is set forth in the act of incorporation, women above the age of eighteen years, and who descended from a man or woman who, with unflinching loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of Independence, or from a recognized patriot, a soldier, or sailor, or civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies or States, are eligible to membership, provided the applicant is acceptable to the Society. The officers of the National Society are a President General; one Vice President General in charge of organization of Chapters; Vice Presidents General, one Recording and one Corresponding Secretary General, one Registrar General, one Treasurer General, one Historian General, one Assistant Historian General, one Chaplain General, and one Librarian General. Provision is also made for the election of honorary members. All legislative and judicial power was vested in the Continental Congress composed of all active officers of the National Society, the State Regent, or in her absence the State Vice Regent, from each State, Territory and the District of Columbia, and the Regents and Delegates of each organized Chapter in the United States and in foreign countries. Each Chapter is entitled to be represented in the Continental Congress by its Regent or her alternate, and one delegate for the first 50 members, and after the first 100, representation shall be in the ratio of one delegate to every subsequent 100. Annual meetings are to be held in Washington, D. C. The administrative body is the National Board of Management, composed of the active officers of the National Society, and one State Regent, or, in her absence, one State Vice-Regent from each State and Territory. Chapters may be organized by twelve members of the Society, living in one locality, after formal authorization by the National Board of Management. They may elect a presiding officer, whose title shall be Regent; a Secretary, a Registrar, and such other officers as may be required, including a local Board of Management. Local Chapters are to be governed by the Constitution of the National Society, but may en-

act By-Laws for their own government in harmony with the Constitution of the National Society.

Valley Forge Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was organized at Norristown, Pa., on the 17th December, 1894, and was chartered by the National Society, on the 19th April, 1895, the National Charter number being 115. It is not incorporated by the court or otherwise. It adopted a Constitution and By-Laws, the Constitution setting forth as the objects of the Society—"to perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, by historical research; and preserving the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots." Membership in the Chapter is similar to membership in the National Society. The officers consist of a Regent, Vice Regent, Registrar, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Historian and Chaplain. The Board of Management consists of those officers and two members who shall be elected by the Chapter at the annual meeting. Meetings of the Chapter shall be held on the first Fridays of every month except July, August and September, the place to be decided upon at the previous meeting.

This Chapter furnished a room in Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge. It meets monthly, at the residence of members, in Norristown, and has, at present, sixty-five members who are residents of Norristown and vicinity. They are organized and hold regular meetings. Some of its members were also actively interested in the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge. Mrs. Anna M. Holstein, the organizer and first Regent of this Chapter, was the organizer and first Regent of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge. This fact is assigned as a reason why this fund should be awarded to the Chapter to erect a monument at Valley Forge in honor of Washington and his brave band of suffering heroes.

RECAPITULATION OF CONTROLLING FACTS.

1. The primary object in organizing the Association, principally by patriotic ladies, was to decide upon a fitting memorial to commemorate the occupation and evacuation of the hills of Valley Forge by Washington and his Revolutionary heroes. Washington's Headquarters were deemed a fitting memorial. A Charter was then procured from Court "to purchase, improve and preserve" these Headquarters and adjacent land, and maintain them as a perpetual "Memorial Park."

2. The Headquarters and about five acres of ground were purchased, \$3000 of the purchase price being secured by a pur-

chase money mortgage. Most of the funds expended for these purposes were contributed by the public through dollar subscriptions, fetes and various entertainments. Five Thousand Dollars were appropriated by the State Legislature. Honorary Certificates of Stock were issued to contributors. The grounds were open to the public, but a nominal admission fee was charged to enter the Headquarters. The Association was not conducted for profit, but purely to accomplish a noble and patriotic public purpose, for the improvement or benefit of an indefinite number of persons and the advancement or welfare of the community and public at large, and the maintenance of a public building purchased by the Association as a public memorial to George Washington and his immortal Army of Revolutionary patriots in relief of the State or National Government, free from the stain or taint of every consideration that is personal, private or selfish.

3. The P. O. S. of A. paid off the mortgage, and the same was duly satisfied of record; took for the amount so paid a certificate for 3600 shares of stock and obtained control of the Board of Directors. The Order, its Camps and members, and especially its efficient State President, H. J. Stager, were actuated not by mercenary, but by purely patriotic motives. Their contributions were gifts, not a loan or an investment. They had in view the duty, honor and glory of their patriotic Order, not stock dividends.

4. The Valley Forge Park Commission took, in behalf of the State, the Headquarters and lands of the Association under condemnation proceedings, primarily to do away with the admission fee charged visitors to enter the Headquarters, and in order to acquire all the historic lands and landmarks of Valley Forge for "a public park." For this purpose the State has so far appropriated \$307,115.

5. This Commission is composed of ten distinguished citizens of the State appointed by the Governor, who also fills all vacancies. It organizes annually by the election of a President and Secretary. It is empowered by the State "to adopt plans for the improvement, preservation and maintenance" of the grounds at Valley Forge vested or to be vested in the State for the purpose of perpetuating and preserving the site on which the Continental Army under General Washington was encamped, including his Headquarters and the lands formerly owned by said Association, which the Commission has acquired through condemnation proceedings, and to carry said plans into execution and supervise the expenditure of all money appropriated by the Legislature therefor, and also

"to accept, on behalf of the State, any gift or gifts of money or of lands contiguous or adjacent to the lands taken or to be taken for said public park, and to be held and used for the purposes thereof." The purposes of the State to be carried out through the Park Commission covers completely the purpose of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, namely: "to purchase and improve and preserve the lands and improvements thereon, occupied by General Washington at Valley Forge, and maintain them for a memorial park for all time to come," "appropriate them for historical and humane purposes," and "to collect and preserve relics and objects of interest connected with the Revolutionary War, and especially with Valley Forge." The Valley Forge Park Commission is charged and empowered by law to carry out all these and other cognate purposes.

6. The purpose of Valley Forge Chapter D. A. R. differs greatly from the purpose of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge. The chief purposes of the latter was "to purchase, improve and preserve Washington's Headquarters and maintain them as a memorial park." The chief and constitutional object of the former is "to perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men and women who achieved American independence, by historical research; and preserving the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; and the special object is to apply the fund in question to erect at Valley Forge "a monument in honor of Washington and the Continental Army encamped at Valley Forge and who aided in the successful struggle for independence." The purpose of the former is to preserve what has already been erected as a monument; of the latter to erect some other monument; of the former to maintain a memorial park; of the latter to maintain no park at all, but to erect a monument in a park maintained by others. There is no assurance given that these sincere, earnest and patriotic ladies could get the consent of the Valley Forge Park Commission to erect a monument, however, worthy upon the ground owned and controlled by the State. The object and intent of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge would not be carried into effect by Valley Forge Chapter, D. A. R., under their constitutional and specially resolved object and intent.

7. The P. O. S. of A. is a secret patriotic and beneficial association, not for profit. State Camp of Pennsylvania, P. O. S. of A., is the head of the organization P. O. S. of A. in the State of Pennsylvania. When a subordinate Camp goes out of existence its property goes

to the State Camp. A few subordinate Camps are incorporated by the courts.

8. The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge was a patriotic association not for profit. To popularize its purpose it started with dollar contributions and issued therefor ornamental certificates of stock.

9. When the Executive Committee of the State Camp appealed to its subordinate Camps and members for aid to pay off the \$3000 mortgage against Washington's Headquarters it was held out that the contributors should become the holders of the mortgage, and thus joint owners of the property; but later it was decided to accept certificates of stock in the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge (which are now held by H. J. Stager in trust as aforesaid) and get and maintain control of the Board of Directors. Such control was obtained by the Order. Its motive was not ownership or profit, or the return of their contributions, or sale of the shares; but performance of a befitting patriotic duty and investiture with visitatorial power. No provision was made for repayment of the contributions on the suspension or dissolution of the Association.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW.

1. The property of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge was devoted to charitable uses and was held in trust for the public; the Association was a public charity.

2. The fund for distribution cannot be distributed among its members, or the holders of certificates of stock; but must be applied in furtherance of the charity.

3. The court must supply a Trustee, or distribution must be made to a proper person or body who will carry into effect the intent of the donors so far as the same can be ascertained and carried into effect consistent with law or equity.

4. The Commissioners of Valley Forge Park are a tribunal such as can be appointed as Trustee, or to whom the fund for distribution can be awarded in furtherance of the charity.

5. In view of the pending application to appoint a Trustee, and under the findings of fact the net amount for distribution must be awarded to the Commissioners of Valley Forge Park, provided they are appointed by the court as Trustees under said application; and in default of such appointment then to such person, corporation or body as the court may appoint as trustee, otherwise to said Commissioners as Trustees in furtherance of said charity.

DISTRIBUTION.

Balance for distribution as shown by the Treasurer's account	\$15,566.50
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Interest on same from April 12,
1910, at 3 per cent.

Total\$
Deduct:

EXPENSE OF AUDIT:

Advertising	\$17.65
Prothonotary, fil- ing, etc., report	100.00
Stenographer ...	50.00
Auditor's fee (agreed upon)	500.00
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Net balance for distri-
bution\$

To the Commissioners of Valley Forge Park (provided they are appointed by said Court in pending proceedings for that purpose, or in default of such appointment, for any reason, and also in default of the appointment of any other trustee by said Court) in trust to carry out the charitable use aforesaid, and for no other purpose, or to their attorneys, ex-Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, Richmond L. Jones, Esq., and J. P. Hale Jenkins, Esq., said net balance.....\$

DISCUSSION.

It was conceded on all sides, at the argument before the Auditor, that the fund in question must be distributed, under the act of 9th April, 1856, P. L. 293, Section 1, among the "corporators"—the holders of certificates of stock in proportion to each one's holdings—unless it appear, according to the first proviso in said act, that the property of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge had been "devoted to *

* charitable uses," in which event said property shall and cannot "be diverted from the objects for which they were (it was) given or granted" (act of 9th April, 1856), but is held "in trust for the public, and cannot, like the assets of a trading corporation, be distributed upon its dissolution, among the members thereof" (Humane Fire Company's appeal, 88 Pa. 389); and, under the act of 9th May, 1889, P. L. 173, no such public trust or "charitable use shall fail for want of a trustee * * * but it shall be the duty of any Court having equity jurisdiction in the proper county to supply a trustee and by its decrees to carry into effect the intent of the donor or testator so far as the

same can be ascertained and carried into effect, consistent with law or equity."

The first question, therefore, that arises is, Was the property of the association devoted to charitable uses?

"Charitable uses, in law," are "uses such as will sustain a gift or bequest as a charity." Century Dictionary.

A charity, "in law," is defined by the same authority as "a gift in trust for promoting the welfare of the community or of mankind at large, or some indefinite part of it, as an endowment for a public hospital, school, church or library, as distinguished from a gift which, being for the benefit of particular persons, gives them a right to its enjoyment."

"Good will, benevolence, desire to add to the happiness or improvement of our fellow-beings," is a charity, says Mitchell, J., in Donohugh's appeal, 86 Pa. St. 312.

"Whatever is given for the love of God, or for the love of your neighbor, in the Catholic and universal sense—given from those motives and to those ends—free from the stain or taint of every consideration that is personal, private or selfish," is a gift for charitable uses.

Vidal v. Girard's Exrs.

2 How (U. S.) 127;

Price v. Maxwell, 28 Pa. 23.

That is the definition of Mr. Binney in his celebrated argument delivered in the Girard will case.

Charity is understood to refer to something done or given for the benefit of our fellows or the public.

Knight's Estate, 159 Pa. 500.

Whatever is gratuitously done or given in relief of the public good, is a public charity. In every such case where the public is the beneficiary, the charity is a public charity.

Episcopal Academy v. Phila.

150 Pa. (573).

"A charity in a legal sense may be more fully defined as a gift to be applied consistently with existing laws for the benefit of an indefinite number of persons—either by bringing their hearts under the influence of education or religion, by relieving their bodies from disease, suffering or constraint, by assisting them to establish themselves for life, or by erecting or maintaining public buildings or works, or otherwise lessening the burdens of government. It is immaterial whether the purpose is called charitable in the gift itself if it is so described as to show that it is charitable in its nature."

Gray, J., in Jackson v. Phillips,

14 Allen (Mass.), 556.

Fire Ins. Patrol v. Boyd,

120 Pa. 647.

That definition "leaves nothing to be desired."

(Perry on Trusts and Trustees, 6th Ed., Section 697.)

A definition or test of many of the common classes of charities is also afforded by the statute of 43 Eliz. C. 4, known as the Statute of Charitable uses, although it was not reported by the Judges in their Report of British Statutes in force in Pennsylvania, nevertheless, it has been held that its principles as applied by Chancery in England obtained in this State by force of its own common law, and that relief would be given so far as the power of the Courts would enable them.

Witman v Lex, 17 Serg. & R. 88.
 Zimmerman v Anders, 6 W. & S. 218.
 Wright v Linn, 9 Pa. 433;
 Vidal v Girard's Exrs.; 2 How. (U. S.) 127.

A gift to the American Peace Society, to be expended in the cause of peace (*Lappan vs Deblois*, 45 Maine, 122); for a public park, (*Bartlett, Petitioner*, 163 Mass. 509; *Meeker v Puyallup*, 5 Wash. 759); has been held a charitable use.

Charitable gifts are favorites of the law.

Tested by the foregoing was there, in the case in hand, anything gratuitously done or given for the improvement or benefit of an indefinite number of persons, or the advancement or welfare of the community, or public at large, or were any public buildings or works erected or maintained by the Association, or did it otherwise lessen the burdens of government?

For answer we must look to the object of the Association as stated in its Charter, its sources of revenue, mode of doing business, etc. The object of the Association as expressed in the notices for incorporation, the decree of the Court, and the Charter and By-Laws, and the reason for bringing it into legal existence was, as has been found by the Auditor as a matter of fact, purely public and patriotic, namely, to erect a fitting memorial or monument to commemorate the first great event of the occupation and evacuation of the hills, forts and earth-works of Valley Forge and the close of the first century here by purchasing, improving and preserving Washington's Headquarters (a monument in itself which had withstood the storms of a century.) and said lands, and by collecting and preserving relics and objects of interest connected with the Revolutionary War and especially Valley Forge, all to be maintained forever as a Memorial Park for "historical and humane uses." The Association was a corporation of the first class, not for profit, for the purpose of conducting "a public park." Its revenues were derived from the public by contributions, donations, the proceeds of public entertainments, and a gift of \$5000

from the State. Its expenditures were confined to purchasing the Headquarters and grounds and improving and maintaining them. No official salaries were paid. No one connected with the Association received compensation excepting the janitor who, however, was paid out of the proceeds of the sale of souvenirs and admission fees to the Headquarters. All others served gratuitously, even paying traveling expenses out of their pockets. The public at large had unrestricted access to the grounds and buildings at all times, free of charge except a small admission fee to enter the Headquarters. The business of the Association was conducted as a general public charity. Thousands upon thousands of persons from all over the land visited yearly the sacred spot. They rehearsed the story and lesson of Valley Forge, literally stepped in the footsteps of the Father of his Country, pressed the very door latch touched many a time by his great hand, and, it is fair to infer, went away with rekindled patriotism, and better American citizens, or, if foreigners, with increased admiration for free and enlightened government.

When, however, the financial burdens became too heavy and the future of the Association and Valley Forge itself was carefully considered, the government of Pennsylvania, which had, until now, been relieved by the Association of the burden of purchasing and maintaining the historic hills of Valley Forge as and for a public park and military camp for the enjoyment of the people of the State, was successfully appealed to, to assume this patriotic burden and took up the Association's identical work and object in order to continue the same, and, with the Commonwealth's limitless resources, carry them to fuller and grander fruition.

Without more, the property of the Association was clearly devoted to a public charitable use.

But, it is argued, that the Association was authorized to issue stock and did issue certificates of shares of Capital stock, aggregating over \$7000; that the Camps and individuals represented by Stager as Trustee paid their money for shares of stock as an investment without interest to get control of the Association, whose object appealed to their patriotic impulses; that the stockholders were not donors, but owners and controllers, and, therefore, there was no gift for a public charity, and rely on *Com. v. Pauline Home*, 141 Pa. 542.

It is true the Charter authorizes the issue of capital stock, and the by-laws provide for the sale and issue of certificates of stock and the transfer of, and voting upon, the same; and that 7618

shares of stock were issued to subscribers.

It is also true that where stock is issued by a corporation, the presumption is that it is done for the profit of the stockholders.

Savage on Corps., Section 37,
20 Pa. C. C. 84.

Is this presumption rebutted?

The Association was incorporated by the Court in the class of corporations "not for profit." As a rule such corporations do not require any capital and do not issue stock certificates. Intended corporations of the first-class whose applications provided for the issue of stock have been refused incorporation in this State, unless they stated in their Charter that it is intended "not for profit."

Savage on Corps., Section 37.

The application for charter did not contain the names of subscribers and the number of shares subscribed by each, as required by law in case of monied corporations.

Neither the charter nor the by-laws of the Association provide for declaring and paying dividends. No dividends were paid nor intended to be paid. Most of its revenue was derived from proceeds of public entertainments, admission fees paid by the public and a gift from the State. The Certificates of Stock were regarded by many holders as honorary and merely ornamental—"handsomely printed certificate receipt"—in the words of H. J. Stager. Speculators and investors were not appealed to to purchase stock, but patriotic citizens, patriotic associations, schools, libraries and the like everywhere. At the inception of the movement to form an association the par value per share was fixed at only \$1 for the express purpose of making contributions popular.

The inference is that the issue of stock was provided for not for profit, but as a convenient and popular method of raising funds among patriotic citizens, rich and poor, high and low, children and adults, and that the stock certificates were mere ornamental and honorary receipts, and evidence of the contributor's patriotic aid in helping to carry out a noble and patriotic work. Strength is lent to this inference because no one of the thousands of shareholders presents a claim before the auditor, after due public notice of the audit, except Mr. Stager (loaded with the responsibility of a trust), and Rev. Mr. Burk (holding two shares by assignment), both enthusiastically and prominently interested in Valley Forge and all that pertains to its history and associations, from purely patriotic motives untainted with a desire for personal profit or greedy gain.

It is contended also that State Camp

and some of its subordinate camps contributed their money as an investment without interest for the purpose of obtaining control of the association and virtually becoming its owners, and that, therefore, no gift was or could have been intended.

True, State President Stager's first official appeal to the P. O. S. of A. to pay the mortgage indebtedness of the association, assigns, besides "honor for our noble order," "equitable and joint" ownership of the Association's property as the incentive; but at the same time he controverts the idea of making profit by averring the property would be self-supporting by "the revenues from visitors," the only source of income. In his second appeal he, however, apparently abandons the idea of ownership of the premises. He deprecates the idea of a loan or "an investment to give interest," but the order would become the holder of the **FIRST AND ONLY MORTGAGE** for all future time (a creditor), and therefore (false conclusion), "a joint owner" with the Association, "not a simple stockholder, but in effect the owner." He continues: "After the mortgage is purchased its value can, if desired, be turned into the Association for so many shares of stock * * * * * and the order become entitled to all its franchises." In the same letter he also calls for "funds wherewith to cancel the mortgage." This may have made the object of the contributors' donation or purchase of stock in response to this appeal somewhat confusing; but in his **THIRD** appeal the intention is set forth more clearly and definitely, namely, to pay the mortgage indebtedness, receive a mortgage for the full amount and 3000 shares of stock, which would give the order a full majority vote in the Association's future direction and care, and the work would forever associate the order with Washington's Headquarters and give it "honor as enduring as the republic," and each contributing camp or individual sending over \$1 would receive "a handsomely printed certificate receipt in reply."

What was the intention of the contributors represented by Mr. Stager? To the first and second appeal in which the idea of joint ownership was held one-third of the 146 camps in the State responded with about \$2200—About three-fourths of the required amount to pay the mortgage. The remaining fourth was contributed after promulgating the third appeal wherein was held out the holding of the mortgage and 3000 shares of stock, a full majority vote in the Association's future direction and care. There is no evidence to show what camps or individuals were influenced by one motive or the other. The presumption is their motive was, as befitted them, pure-

ly patriotic, "free from the stain or taint of every consideration that is personal, private or selfish."

Rev. Mr. Burk's well-known patriotism and devotion to Valley Forge, successfully rebut the presumption that he purchased his two shares for speculation, for profit. The idea is abhorrent.

The mortgage was paid by the P. O. S. of A. and satisfied of record, and the Order, through its Board of Trustees, obtained control of the Association's Board of Directors. Such control, it is argued, is inconsistent with the idea of a gift, and the Master's report in Pauline Home, 141 Pa., page 542, is cited as authority.

The Master there, it is true, suggests that "a simple unconditional gift of money or other property to a charitable corporation divests the donor of any further title to, interest in, or right to control the thing given, as absolutely as does the simple gift of the same property to an individual." But in the same breath he also says: "The law permits men to affix any condition to the transfer of property that is not expressly prohibited by Statute or by public policy, and it is open to any contributor to a charitable corporation to provide, in the instrument of donation, for a return to him of the property contributed, in the event of the suspension or dissolution of the corporation. If he neglects to make such provision, his feelings must suffer through his own omission."

Accepting this as sound doctrine, how does it affect the case in hand?

As has just been shown above, the sole desire of the P. O. S. of A. in paying off the mortgage indebtedness was to obtain control of the Board of Directors for the future care of the Association's property for patriotic (charitable) reasons, not for profit, not with a view of becoming owners, or "joint" owners. The latter idea was abandoned, as is shown by Mr. Stager's third official appeal and the satisfaction of the mortgage. They accepted shares of stock, however. But why? To obtain dividends? To get back the sums contributed on dissolution, or by sale and transfer of their shares of stock? Emphatically, no! Simply to get control and share in the "honor as enduring as the Republic" in carrying out the object of the Association—otherwise, why appeal to the Camps and members of the Order in the patriotic breathings of President Stager? Why was not provision made for the return of the money? The public charitable object of the Association was known to the contributors. So was its poverty, its inability to pay dividends, its meagre sources of revenue. Why speak of a Certificate of Stock as "a handsomely printed certificate receipt," "which will look well in frame and be a fitting

adornment for the wall of a Camp Room," if President Stager or his cestui que trust regarded these certificates as things of value and not of ornament? Who ever heard of certificates of shares of stock of such dividend-paying concerns as the Bell Telephone Company or the United States Steel Corporation being framed to adorn a wall? They usually adorn nothing but the dark inside of a strong box deposited in a fire-proof and burglar-proof vault of a reliable bank or trust company.

It is clear, therefore, that the management and control of the Association was sought by the P. O. S. of A. not with a view of becoming owners of the property, or shareholders for profit, or for the return of their contributions, or to rob their contributions of an essential to a gift. Their motive was higher, nobler, befitting their great, patriotic Order. They sought honor, performance of a patriotic duty, visitatorial power and control, prevention of perversion of their contributions. Owners they could not become; controllers they might be. The owners were the public. And for authority reference is made to the same Master's report on page 542: "They (the members, contributors or managers of a charitable corporation upon dissolution) do not own the property. They manage and control it to be sure, but the ownership belongs to the indefinite persons constituting from time to time the class for the benefit of which the particular Corporation exists and conducts its operations."

However, assuming that the motive of the contributors of the P. O. S. of A. was for profit, for selfish gain, for control; nevertheless it avails nothing.

The character of the object sought to be attained—the purpose to which the gift is to be applied—not the motive of the donor—is the true test of a legal, public charity.

Fire Ins. Patrol v. Boyd, 120 Pa. 624 (1888). Paxson, J.

Smith's Estate, 181 Pa. 109 (1897).

The first of the two cited cases criticises, as to the element of motive, the celebrated definition of charity given by Mr. Binney in his argument in the Girard will case and quoted above. The point, however, had been previously made in Miller v. Porter, 53 Pa. 292 (1866). Woodward, C. J.

"It is immaterial from what source the funds that constitute the trust are derived, whether from the bounty of individuals, the crown, the State, or Legislature.

"If a trust is contemplated and endowed with funds from any source, for a general public purpose, it will be regulated and controlled by a Court of Equity, upon proceedings instituted before it."

Perry on Trusts and Trustees, Section 707; *Thomas v. Ellmaker*, 1 Pars. Eq. Ca. 98.

In this case, the purpose—the object sought to be attained—with the bounty derived from the various sources herein-before mentioned, was clearly a general public purpose—a public memorial to the immortal Washington.

This is not a case where an Association was formed for a general public purpose and issued stock for the purpose of profit. Its incorporators and their associates were pure patriots, not mercenary memorialists.

From the foregoing the inevitable conclusion is that the Association in question was not a trading company for profit, but its property was devoted and was intended to be devoted, to a public charitable use.

This being so, the fund for distribution can not be legally distributed among the corporators, or holders of certificates of stock, but must, under the doctrine of *cy press* and the Act of 1889, be applied, as near as possible, to the object of the trust, and, if there is no trustee, the court under its equity jurisdiction must "supply a trustee."

(2) In this case there is no trustee. The Association has become *functus officio*. There is an application pending in the court, which appointed the Auditor, for the appointment of the Park Commissioners of Valley Forge, *ex officio*, as trustees, because it is assumed they are the logical successors to this trust, inasmuch as they are charged with the care of the property to which the trust fund was donated and devoted. Before the Auditor, the Commissioners claim distribution of the fund to them, because they can more nearly carry out the purpose of the trust than the other claimant. The Auditor cannot appoint a trustee. He can only award the fund; but in so doing he might embarrass the court. However, in the view taken by the Auditor (under the law and the evidence, and not for the sake of expediency), there need not be any conflict between the Court and its Auditor.

A discussion of the question which of the two claimants here would more nearly carry out the purpose of the trust, is deemed useless. A mere perusal of the objects of the Park Commission and of the Valley Forge Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, and especially of the specific intent on the part of the latter, is sufficient to decide the question in favor of the former. The fact that Mrs. Anna Morris Holstein was the organizer and first Regent of the Association, and also of said Chapter, is not a legal reason why this fund should be transferred from the Association to the Chapter. While the application of this

fund "to erect at Valley Forge a monument in honor of Washington and the Continental Army" would be a most laudable and patriotic object, nevertheless, it would not be carrying into effect the purpose of the Association, namely, to purchase, improve and preserve Washington's Headquarters and lands at Valley Forge, and maintain them as a Memorial Park. The only monument the fund can be lawfully applied to is not one in contemplation, but Washington's Headquarters, in itself regarded by the Association as a fitting and durable monument to the Great Revolutionary Commander. The Chapter has no thought of maintaining a Park. On the other hand, the Park Commissioners are charged by law to do precisely what the Association did and was intended to do, and more besides.

The Commissioners will have no right to use the fund generally for its purposes; but only for one of its purposes, namely, to improve and preserve Washington's Headquarters and the adjacent land as a public Memorial Park, unless, however, we also regard as one of the objects of the Association the additional purpose set forth in its by-laws—the collection and preservation of Revolutionary and Valley Forge relics and objects of interest.

It is contended, however, that the Park Commissioners have no right to claim the fund as the legal successors of the Association. The Auditor does not understand that the Commissioners so claim before him. That position they may have assumed in the pending bill in equity for appointment as Trustee, but before the Auditor they simply stand forth as a claimant to the fund, because created to carry out the identical object of the defunct Association.

It is a permanent body, created by law, appointed by the Governor, duly organized, empowered to accept, on behalf of the State, gifts of money or land for public park purposes, preserve and maintain the same forever, maintain police regulations, etc. The organization of the Association was not more efficient; its scope and powers were less comprehensive. The Commissioners are better equipped to carry out the objects of the Association than was the Association itself. Why, then, can it not be appointed as Trustee? Although a creature of the State, the fund in their hands as Trustees would not belong to the State, as gifts would, but would be held in trust. As trust funds the court would follow them so long as hands could be laid upon them, or upon the property into which they went. If the trust were diverted by the Commissioners from its true object, the court could exercise its restraining powers.

It has been held that a Municipal Corporation (*Phila. v. Elliott*, 3 Rawle 170); a County (*Lawrence Co. v. Leon-*

ard, 83 Pa. 206); the Mayor and Councils of Phila. (Cresson's Appeal, 30 Pa. 437); a Commission created by Will to establish and maintain a public park, and to comprise the Mayor of the City of Lancaster, the President of Select Council, the President of Common Council, and testator's Executors and their successors, to be called "The Long Park Commission," (Long's Estate, 204 Pa. 60); an Association—Fairmount Park Art Association (Smith's Estate, 181 Pa. 109), may be appointed or act as trustee for public purposes germane to its object. The Commissioners of Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, created and empowered by Act of Assembly to maintain Fairmount Park, have also been deemed to be capable to act as trustee over trust funds. (See Act of 14th April, 1868. P. L. 1087, section 17; Act 15th May, 1871, section 5, P. L. 873; Cresson's Appeal, 30 Pa. 437).

The Commissioners of Valley Forge Park constitute a body no less permanent, as well organized, as flexible and enjoying as plenary powers as any of the bodies above mentioned, and can, therefore, be legally invested with the trust in question, and their application of the fund to the purposes intended is in direct line with their official duties, in fact the Commission was created to carry out the very purpose of the dissolved Corporation only on a larger scale.

That these Commissioners are the creature of the State is no disqualification. The fund in their hands would not become the property of the State; it would not be a GIFT OF MONEY which the Commissioners are authorized by the Act of 3d July, 1895, P. L. 508, section 2, "to accept on behalf of the State." The Commissioners are not prohibited by statute from acting as such trustees. Their duties as trustees would be identical with their duties, pro tanto, as Commissioners. No other body of men exists which can so nearly—nay, precisely—carry out the very object for which the defunct Corporation was created and existed.

Since the foregoing was written the State Legislature at its present session, passed an Act which was duly approved the 30th March, 1911, and is numbered 32, providing, in section 1, as follows:

"That the Commissioners of Valley Forge Park be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to accept in trust any fund heretofore or hereafter created for the benefit or improvement of Valley Forge Park, or any part thereof, by deed, bequest, devise, grant, DECREE OR OTHERWISE."

This Act is a Supplement to an Act entitled "An Act providing for the acquisition by the State of certain ground

at Valley Forge for a public park, and making an appropriation therefor," approved the 30th day of May, A. D. 1893.

The power of the Legislature to clothe its Commissioners of Valley Forge Park with authority to accept and administer trust funds and act as trustees cannot, in the opinion of the Auditor, be successfully questioned. All doubt whether said Commissioners can or can not be lawfully appointed in the case in hand as trustees, or whether the amount for distribution can or can not be lawfully awarded to them under the doctrines of *Cy pres* and the Act of 9th of May, 1889, P. L. 173, is removed by this new legislation. Similar power was conferred by the Act of 14th of April, 1868, section 17, P. L. 1087, upon the Commissioners of Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.

Discussion of other findings of fact or conclusions of law, is deemed unnecessary.

The Auditor, however, desires to add that too much praise cannot be bestowed on the noble men and women who organized the Centennial and Memorial Association and devoted time, money and effort to carry out its patriotic, public purpose; and especially to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and of them particularly to H. J. Stager, for their unselfish and untiring efforts to obliterate the Association's indebtedness, and make possible the consummation of the Association's patriotic object. It is, therefore, deemed not altogether inappropriate to conclude this discussion with the beautiful tribute paid to these patriotic men and women by Richmond L. Jones, Esq., of counsel for the Park Commissioners, in his Supplemental Brief handed to the Auditor. It is as follows:

"The encampment of the Continental Army at Valley Forge, was an endurance test of military inactivity under the most distressing conditions, and proved the unconquerable spirit of the cause for which the Colonies were contending.

"The tide of the British invasion had culminated in the occupation of Philadelphia, and the retreat in the following year, before an army of starving but resolute soldiers, was the beginning of the end.

"The victory won by suffering, was the greatest of the war in its moral effect, and sanctified the field where the sacrifice was made; but when Washington marched away to follow the retreating enemy, the glory of Valley Forge seemed to have departed with him, and for a hundred years no effort was made to preserve for posterity the landmarks and relics of this historic field. It was only a tradition, excepting the dates and some incidents recorded in his-

tory. A few suggestions were made, but they met with no response until the awakening of the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, the American renaissance that rekindled the fires of patriotism and stirred the American blood with a realization of the greatness of our country and of the men who created it.

"Under this inspiration, the first to come to the rescue were the patriotic men and women who organized the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, and declaring their purpose to be 'to purchase, improve and preserve the lands and improvements thereon, occupied by General George Washington, at Valley Forge, and maintain them as a memorial park for all time to come,' petitioned the court to seal that purpose with immortal life in the form of a perpetual corporation.

"It was a noble sentiment and was followed by many noble deeds of charity; but the accomplishment of the work was not an easy task, for easy tasks never excite the admiration, and are rarely noble in the estimation of mankind. A noble deed involves a sacrifice, and profit taking is not within that class.

"A few thousand dollars were raised by small subscriptions, and applied to the purchase of Washington's Headquarters. The balance of the purchase price was provided by a mortgage, the interest upon which could not be paid; foreclosure was threatened by an unsentimental creditor and love's labor seemed nearly lost.

"In this extremity, Mr. H. J. Stager appealed to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of which he was then the president, to lend a hand in furtherance of this patriotic purpose; and in his cir-

cular letters to the several camps, made it very clear, by positive statement, that it was not an investment nor a loan that he was urging, but contributions of money to preserve the sacred memories of Valley Forge, the return for which would be the honor of the deed, acknowledged by a certificate to be hung upon the walls of their camps, not vaingloriously, but as an example and illustration of the lofty objects of their order as proclaimed in its title.

"Mr. Stager also reluctantly suggested in the alternative that they might purchase and hold the mortgage; but the Patriotic Order declined the merchandizing, proudly contributed the money to The Centennial and Memorial Association, to pay the mortgage and strike off the burden upon the premises glorified as the home and headquarters of Washington, during the most memorable period in the history of the Revolution.

"The lustre of this proud achievement should not be dimmed by even a suggestion that the donors would undo it; and no such suggestion has come from any of them. Look to the appearances, and you will find no claim from any one of the donors. Mr. Stager believes the fund should be appropriated to the uses for which it was created; but as he collected the funds from the camps and holds many of the certificates in trust, he cannot personally assent to any disposition of the fund, and is entitled to have it distributed according to law. His objection is punctilious and technical and ought to be understood, so that his attitude may not in the least impair the credit and honor that is justly due to him for the good work he accomplished."

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

To the Honorable, the Judges Afore-said:

The Auditor further respectfully reports:

1. That on the 23d day of May, A. D. 1911, he notified the parties in interest, or their counsel, that he would file his report in open Court on Monday, June 5th, A. D. 1911, at 10 o'clock A. M., and that until said time access could be had to the report at the office of the Auditor, and exceptions might be filed thereto if it were deemed proper to do so, as per copy of notice and acceptance of service hereto attached;

2. That on the 31st day of May, A. D. 1911, exceptions to the report were filed by ex-Judge Koch in behalf of H. J. Stager and H. J. Stager, Trustee, a copy of the exceptions being hereto annexed;

3. That on the 2d day of June, A. D. 1911, additional exceptions to the report of the Auditor were filed by James H. Wolfe, Esq., of counsel for H. J. Stager and H. J. Stager, Trustee;

4. Before formal exceptions had been filed the Auditor's attention was called by ex-Judge Koch, of counsel for Mr. Stager, to an inadvertent error in the Auditor's Report, namely,—that the balance in the Treasurer's hands was drawing interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, instead of three per centum per annum, and thereupon the Auditor made the correction in his Report;

5. After exceptions were filed the Auditor re-examined the subject, but does not desire to amend his Report excepting to say, in view of Exception 4, that a copy of the certificate issued to H. J. Stager, in trust for P. O. S. of A., for 3600 shares of stock in the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, is attached to the Auditor's Report, being "Exhibit C." In the Auditor's Report, on page 22, is set down the general form of the certificates which were issued by the Association, leaving the name to whom the same is issued, in blank. The Auditor did not intend, when he said "that is the form of the Certificate issued to H. J. Stager in trust for P. O. S. of A., for 3600 shares," that the certificate held by Mr. Stager in trust did not contain his name as trustee,

or the number of shares for which it was issued, but meant that the certificate issued to H. J. Stager in trust, &c., for 3600 shares, followed the general form set forth in the Auditor's Report;

6. As to the 20th Exception, the Auditor begs to say that he did not find "that the Park Commissioners of Valley Forge are the logical successors of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge," and such was not the contention before the Auditor. See Auditor's Report, page 60;

7. As to the 21st Exception, the Auditor begs to say that it is true that "Nowhere in the evidence before the Auditor, nor in any statement made in behalf of said Commissioners in the prosecution of their claim, have they indicated that the fund, if awarded to them, would be kept separate and apart from their other funds, for any such purpose," namely,—"To improve and preserve Washington's Headquarters," &c., but the declaration made by the Auditor, namely,—"Said Commissioners will have no right to use the fund generally for its purposes, but only for one of its purposes, namely, to improve and preserve Washington's Headquarters," &c., follows as a matter of law under the Act of 1855 and the doctrine of Cypres;

8. As to the 22d Exception, the Auditor begs to say that the Auditor, as shown by his Report, arrived at the conclusion that the Park Commission was a proper tribunal to act as trustee, before the Act of 30th March, 1911, was passed. This Act was regarded by the Auditor as confirmatory of his conclusion previously arrived at;

9. As to the 23d Exception, the Auditor begs to say that the "beautiful sophistry" therein referred to was added at the end of the Auditor's discussion as a tribute to the patriotism of the persons therein referred to, as worthy of preservation. The Auditor cannot help but regard all the persons who have been connected with the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge, and those who came to its aid and rescue, as patriots, and not profit-seekers, and, as patriots, too much praise cannot be bestowed upon them.

Respectfully submitted.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
Of June Term, A. D. 1910, No. 32.
In re Audit of the Account of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge on Petition for Dissolution.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE REPORT OF W. F. DANNEHOWER, AUDITOR.

H. J. Stager and H. J. Stager, Trustee, et al., by James H. Wolfe and R. H. Koch, their attorneys, except to the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the report of the Auditor, as follows:

1st—The Auditor erred in saying:

The Treasurer's account shows that the balance, \$15,566.50, is on deposit in the First National Bank of Hazleton, Pa., drawing interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum, from 12th April, 1910.

2nd—The Auditor should have found as a fact that the balance of \$15,566.50 is on deposit drawing interest at the rate of 3 per centum per annum.

3rd—The Auditor erred in finding that "The purpose for which The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge was formed was in its nature public and patriotic."

4th—The Auditor erred in not fully setting down in his report as a matter of fact the exact and complete language of and all that appertains to the form of the certificate for 3600 shares of stock held by H. J. Stager as Trustee.

5th—The Auditor erred in the second of his "Recapitulations of Controlling Facts," by saying, inter alia:

"The Association was not conducted for profit, but purely to accomplish a noble and patriotic public purpose, for the improvement or benefit of an indefinite number of persons and the advancement or welfare of the community and public at large, and the maintenance of a public building purchased by the Association as a public memorial to George Washington and his immortal army of Revolutionary patriots in relief of the State or National Government, free from the stain or taint of every consideration that is personal, private or selfish."

6th—The Auditor erred in the Third of his "Recapitulations of Controlling Facts," by saying, inter alia:

"The order, its camps and members, and especially its efficient State President, H. J. Stager, were actuated not by mercenary, but by purely patriotic motives. Their contributions were gifts, not a loan or an investment."

7th—The Auditor erred in his "Recapitulation of Controlling Facts," as follows:

8. "The Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge was a patriotic association not for profit. To popularize its purpose it started with dollar contributions and issued therefor ornamental certificates of stock."

8th—The Auditor erred in the 9th of his "Recapitulations of Controlling Facts," by saying, inter alia, as follows:

"Control of the Centennial and Memorial Association was obtained by the Patriotic Order of Sons of America. Its motive was not ownership or profit, or the return of their contributions, or sale of the shares; but performance of a befitting patriotic duty, and investiture with visitatorial power. No provision was made for repayment of the contributions on the suspension or dissolution of the Association."

9th—The Auditor erred in the 1st Conclusion of Law, as follows:

1. The property of the Centennial and Memorial Association of Valley Forge was devoted to charitable uses and was held in trust for the public; the Association was a public charity."

10th—The Auditor erred in the 2nd Conclusion of Law, as follows:

2. The fund for distribution cannot be distributed among its members, or the holders of Certificates of Stock; but must be applied in furtherance of the charity."

11th—The Auditor erred in the 3d Conclusion of Law, as follows:

3. The Court must supply a Trustee, or distribution must be made to a proper person or body who will carry into effect the intent of the donors so far as the same can be ascertained and carried into effect consistent with law or equity."

12—The Auditor erred in the 4th Conclusion of Law, as follows:

4. The Commissioners of Valley Forge Park are a tribunal such as can be appointed as Trustee, or to whom the fund for distribution can be awarded in furtherance of the charity."

13th—The Auditor erred in the 5th Conclusion of Law, as follows:

5. In view of the pending application of the Valley Forge Park Commission for the appointment as Trustee and under the findings of fact the net amount for distribution must be awarded to the Commissioners of Valley Forge Park provided they are appointed by the Court as Trustees under said application; and in default of such appointment then to such person, corporation or body, as the Court may appoint as trustee;

otherwise, to said Commissioners as Trustees in furtherance of said charity."

14th—The Auditor erred in recommending distribution of the balance for distribution less expenses of the audit "to the Commissioners of Valley Forge Park in trust to carry out the charitable use aforesaid, and for no other purpose."

15th—The Auditor should recommend and report distribution of the balance on hand among the stockholders.

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Of June Term, 1910, No. 32.

In re Audit of the Account of the Centennial and Memorial Assn. of Valley Forge sur Petition for Dissolution.

ADDITIONAL EXCEPTIONS to Auditor's Report filed in behalf of H. J. Stager et al. by their attorneys as follows:

16—The learned Auditor erred in defining the position of Henry J. Stager, in this litigation, as one "standing in the dual capacity of a true patriot and a dutiful trustee he lays strenuous claim to this fund * * * invoking the law to point out to him his legal duty in the face of conflicting interests."—See Report, pp. 32-33.

17—The learned Auditor erred in finding "that the issue of stock was provided for, not for profit, but as a convenient and popular method of raising funds among patriotic citizens * * * and that the stock certificates were mere ornamental and honorary receipts and evidence of the contributor's patriotic aid in helping to carry out a noble and patriotic work."

18th—The learned Auditor erred in finding "that the management and control of the Association was sought by

the P. O. S. of A. not with a view of becoming owners of the property or shareholders for profit, or for the return of their contributions or to rob their contributions of an essential to a gift."

19th—The learned Auditor erred in concluding "that the Association in question was not a trading company for profit, but its property was devoted to a public charitable use. This being so, the fund for distribution cannot be legally distributed among the corporators, or holders of certificates of stock, &c."

20th—The learned Auditor erred in finding that the Park Commissioners of Valley Forge are the logical successors of the Centennial and Memorial Assn. of Valley Forge.

21st—The learned Auditor erred in declaring that the said "Commissioners will have no right to use the fund generally for its purposes, but only for one of its purposes namely to improve and preserve Washington's Headquarters, &c." Nowhere in the evidence before the Auditor, nor in any statement made in behalf of said Commissioners in the prosecution of their claim, have they indicated that the fund, if awarded to them would be kept separate and apart from their other funds, for any such purpose.

22nd—The learned Auditor erred in taking into consideration, in his deliberations, the Act of March 30, 1911—Said Act was passed long after these proceedings were commenced in Court and months after the audit before him was closed. It was passed without notice to or the knowledge of the present exceptants and it is respectfully submitted that its operations are not ex post facto.

23d—The learned Auditor erred in adopting in the conclusion of his report the beautiful sophistry of one of the eminent and learned counsel for the Park Commissioners, as defining the position of the exceptants as to this fund.

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